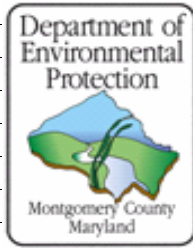


# Rainscapes Plants for Rain Gardens



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✓	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild columbine	June-Aug	red and yellow	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, moist-dry	2'	1'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Amsonia hubrechtii</i>	Blue-Star Flower	May-June	blue flowers, yellow fall color	Sun-Pt Shade		2'	18"	3' tall, fine texture, blue summer flowers, yellow fall color, needs part sun
✓	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	June-Aug	pink	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Dry-wet	2'-4'	2'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed	May-Aug	pale purple	Sun	Moist	3.5-6.5'	2'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly weed	may-june	orange	Sun	Sand, Loam, Clay, Dry-med	1-3'	1-2'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Aster novae angliae</i>	New England Aster	Aug-Oct	purple	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Med-wet	2'-6'	2'-3'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Aster divaricatus</i>	White Wood Aster	Jul-Oct	white	pt Shade-sh	dry-med wet	0.5-3'	1-2'	spreads freely
✓	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	False Blue Indigo	may-june	blue, purple	Sun-Shade	sand, loam	3-5'	1-2'	deer resistant
	<i>Chelone glabra/obliqua</i>	Turtlehead	aug-oct	white/pink	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Dry-med	1-4'	12-18"	host plant to Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly, MD state insect
	<i>Chelone lyonii</i>	Pink Turtlehead	aug-oct	white/pink	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Dry-med	1-4'	12-18"	host plant to Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly, MD state insect
	<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	green and gold	mar-jun	yellow	Sun- Shade	dry-med wet; loam	0.5-1'	1'	evergreen ground cover
✓	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Threadleaf Coreopsis	jun-oct	yellow	Sun, PS	dry-med wet, loam	1-3.5'	1-2'	fine texture, deer resistant

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	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Kim's Knee-Hi'	Dwarf Purple Coneflower	May-Aug	pink	Sun	dry	15"	12"	butterfly attractor, deer resistant
✓	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Magnus'	Magnus Purple Coneflower	May-Aug	dark pink	Sun	dry-moist	24"	15"	butterfly attractor, deer resistant
	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'Razzmatazz'	Razzmatazz Purple Coneflower	June-Aug	dark Pink Double	Sun	dry	24"	15"	butterfly attractor, deer resistant
✓	<i>Eupatorium coelestinum</i>	Mistflower	Jul-Oct	blue-purple	pt Shade-sh	dry to wet; clay, loam	1-3.5'	1-2'	
✓	<i>Eupatorium dubium</i>	Coastal Joe-pye Weed ('Little Joe')		pink, dk pink	Sun, PS	moist	3-4'	2'	
	<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>	Common Joe-pye weed	Jul-Sep	pink	Sun	moist-dry	1.5-6'	2'	
	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Boneset	Jul-Oct	white	Sun-pt Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, med-wet	3-4'	1-2'	
✓	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Sweet Joe-pye weed	July-Sept	pink-dk pink	Sun-pt Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, moist	5-6'	1-2'	
✓	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wild Geranium	Apr-Jul	pink	Sun-pt shade	dry-med, loam	1-2'	1-2'	deer resistant
	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Sneezeweed	Jul-Nov	yellow	sun-pt shade	med. wet, clay, loam, sand	1.5-6'	1-2'	deer resistant
	<i>Helianthus angustifolius</i>	Swamp Sunflower	Aug-Oct	yellow	Sun	moist	1.5-5.5'	2-3'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Marsh Mallow		pink	Sun	wet-dry	3'	2'	
	<i>Iris cristata</i>	Dwarf Crested Iris	May	early spring flowers	Partial Sun	gravelly well drained moist soils	8-10"	8"	Edger
	<i>Iris fulva</i>	Copper Iris	June	colored flowers	Sun	Dry-wet	18-24"	8"	One of the Louisiana Iris parents
✓	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	blazingstar	Jul-Aug	purple	Sun-pt shade	clay, loam, sand	1-6.5'	1-2'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Lilium superbum</i>	Turk's Cap Lily	July-Aug	Orange	Sun-pt shade	dry-moist	6'	12"	deer resistant
	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	July-Oct	red	Sun-pt Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, med-wet	2'-4'	1'-2'	don't mulch Place at entry points into the rain garden, hummingbird attractor
✓	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia	July-Sept	blue	Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, med-wet	2'-3'	1'-2'	
✓	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells	Mar-Jun	blue	pt-shade to shade	med-wet;clay, loam	1-2.5'	1'	deer resistant

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	<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Monkeyflower	Jun-Oct	blue	Sun-pt Shade	moist, loamy	1-3'	1'	DELICATE
✓	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Bee Balm	June-sept	pink	full Sun-pt Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Med-wet	12-18"	1'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot	Jul-Aug	pink, purple	Sun-pt Shade	Moist-Dry	1.5-5'	1-2'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Beardtongue	Jun-Aug	white	Sun-pt Shade	dry-med wet; clay, loam, sand	2-5'	1-2'	deer resistant
	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Wild Blue Phlox	Apr-May	blue	pt Shade- sh	moist	1.5'	1'	deer resistant
	<i>Phlox stolonifera</i>	Creeping Phlox	Apr-Jun	varied	PS-Shade	moist-dry	.5-1.5'	1'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Summer phlox	Jul-Oct	deep pink to white	sun-pt shade	moist	1.5'-6.5'	1'	cultivars are shorter
	<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Moss Phlox	Apr-Jun	varied	Sun	Dry*	.5'	.5'	deer resistant, plant in driest parts of rain garden
✓	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant	aug-sep	pink, purple	Sun	moist-dry	3'	2'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	Orange Coneflower	jul-oct	yellow-orange	Sun-pt Shade	med wet	1.5'	1-2'	
✓	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	Jun-Oct	yellow	Sun, PS	Dry-Moist	2-3'	2'	
	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Green-headed Coneflower	jul-sep	yellow	Sun-pt Shade	moist	1.5-9'	2'	
	<i>Scenecio aureus</i>	Sneezeweed	May-June	Yellow	Sun-Shade	moist-dry	15" flowers, 8" tall plant		Evergreen heart shaped groundcover with
✓	<i>Sisyrinchium graminoides</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	Apr-Jun	blue	Sun-pt Shade	moist-dry	0.5-1.5'	.5-1'	
✓	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	Gray Goldenrod	Jul-Nov	yellow	Sun-pt Shade	Med-Dry	0.5-3'	1-2'	deer resistant
	<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	Wrinkle-leaf Goldenrod	Aug-Nov	yellow	Sun-pt shade	med-wet, loam, sand	1-6.5'	1-2'	deer resistant
✓	<i>Solidago sphacelata</i>		August- Sept	yellow	Sun-pt shade		18"		Golden Fleece'
✓	<i>Solidago ulmifolia</i>	Elm leaf Goldenrod	Aug-Sept	yellow	Sun- pt.shade	med-dry	18"	18"	Wildlife plant
	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Foamflower	May	White	pt shade- shade	med-dry	12" flower, 6" plant	8"	Groundcover

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✓	<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	Spiderwort	June, reblooms if cut back after first flowering	blue	Sun-pt shade	med-wet, clay, loam, sand	1-5.5'	1-2'	Long blooming perennial , many cultivars
	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	summer flowers	white	Sun	Sand, Loam, med-dry	4-6'	2-3'	
	<i>Viola labridorica</i>	Labrador Violet	June	purplish foliage and violet flowers	Sun-pt shade	Sandy, med-dry	4"	6"	groundcover
	<b>FERNS</b>								
	<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>	Hay-scented Fern			Sun-PS	Dry-moist	1-3'		spreads readily
✓	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern			Shade	wet-moist	1-3.5'		
✓	<i>Osmunda cinnamonea</i>	Cinnamon Fern			Sun-Shade	wet-moist	2.5'		deer resistant
✓	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern			Sun-Shade	wet-moist	2-6'		deer resistant
✓	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas Fern			PS-Shade	moist	.5-2'		evergreen
	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Fern			Sun-PS	dry to wet	1.5-6'		
	<i>Thelypteris noveboracensis</i>	New York Fern	deciduous		Sun-PS	dry-wet	24-36"		spreading
	<b>GRASSES</b>								
✓	<i>Andropogon gerardi</i>	Big Bluestem	aug-oct		Sun, PS	Dry-Moist-Wet	3-8'		deer resistant
✓	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	Broomsedge	aug-nov		Sun, PS	Dry	1-3'		aggressive; thin as needed
	<i>Carex stricata</i>	Tussock Sedge	may-aug		Sun, PS	Moist-Wet	1-3'		
	<i>Carex pennsylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania Sedge			Shade-PS	Moist-Wet	6-8"	6"	also used as shade lawn replacement
✓	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	River Oats	jul-sep		Sun-Shade	dry-med, clay, loam, sand	2-5'		deer resistant, spreads freely
	<i>Muehlenberia capillaris</i>	Pink Muhly Grass	Aug-Sept	pink efflorescence s	Sun	Dry, well drained moist	24"	24"	may not come back in hard winter; only plant in spring
✓	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass	jul-aug		Sun-Shade	Sand, Loam, Clay, Med-wet	2'-3'	1'	deer resistant, cultivars shorter ('Shenandoah')
✓	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	Aug-Oct		Sun-pt Shade	dry	4'		deer resistant
	<b>Shrubs</b>								

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✓	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> ( <i>Photinia pyrifolia</i> )	Red chokeberry	Mar-May	white	sun-ps	dry to wet	1.5'-13'	3'	red berries, upright/narrow, favorite
✓	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Sweetshrub	June	Maroon flowers yellow fall color		dry to wet	3-8'	3'	(unless 'Athens' cultivar - yellow), fragrant flowers when in full sun
✓	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	July-Aug	white	sun-PS	moist-wet	3-10'	4'	great wildlife
✓	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 'Ruby Spice'	Ruby Spice Summersweet, Pink dwarf Sweet Pepperbush	Spring	pink					Pink Flowers, upright, dwarf, yellow fall color
✓	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Alternate-leaf Dogwood	white	white	PS	dry-moist			red fall color, understory shrub
	<i>Cornus amomum</i>	Silky dogwood	May-Jun	white	sun-PS	moist-wet	6-12'		red branches in winter
	<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	gray dogwood	May-Jun	white	Sun-shade	dry-moist	6-12'		red branches in winter
✓	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Redosier Dogwood	white flowers	white					Red winter twig
	<i>Gaylussacia baccata</i>	Black Huckleberry	May-June	white	sun-pt shade	dry- moist	2-3'		
✓	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry	May-July	white	full sun-pt shade	dry-wet	6-12'		females w/red berries in winter; deciduous - may abort fruit in dry summers; choose appropriate Male-Female pairing
✓	<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Densa'	Inkberry	May-Jun	white	sun-shade	dry-moist	6-10'		females w/black berries; Densa is a compact/ dwarf form
✓	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	late Spring	yellow	shade-pt shade	moist-dry	6-10'		Spicebush Butterfly plant, deer resistant
	<i>Myrica cerifera</i> 'Nana'	Dwarf Wax Myrtle			Sun-shade	moist-dry well drained	3'	3'	Fine-medium texture, evergreen, shears well
✓	<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Northern Bayberry			Sun-shade	moist-dry well drained	6'	4'	Fine texture, evergreen, shears well, wildlife plant
	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Common elderberry	Jun-July	white	sun-shade	dry to wet	6-12'		purple fruit-wildlife

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	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	Mapleleaf viburnum	May	white	pt shade	dry			Mauvey fall color, maple shaped leaves,
✓	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowood	April-May	white	Sun-pt shade	dry to moist	3-6.5'		dk purple fruit-wildlife
	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw	Apr-May	white	sun-pt shade	dry to moist	20'		purple fruit-wildlife
	<b>Trees</b>								
✓	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Serviceberry; shadbush	May-July	white	PS to shade	moist-wet	15-25'		
✓	<i>Betula nigra</i> 'Little King'	Little King River Birch					15-20'		Dwarf River birch; also called 'Fox Valley'
✓	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Redbud	April-May	pink	sun-PS	dry	20-35'		
	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Fringetree	May	White					yellow fall color, gray winter bark; females make olive like drupes
	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Witch hazel	Sep-Dec	small yellow fragrant	full sun-PS	dry to moist	15-30'		yellow fall leaf color
✓	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly		white	sun-PS	dry-moist	65'		females w/red berries in winter
	tall and/or 'floppy'								