

10 RAIN GARDEN PLANTS

Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)

Sun to shade, dry to wet soils, tolerates all soil types, grows 12' x 10', white flowers in Jun-July, purple to black berries in Aug - Sept., high wildlife value, berries eaten by 48 species of birds



Black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)

Sun to pt. shade, dry to wet soils, tolerates all soil types, grows 6' x 6', white flowers in April - May, black berries Sept.-Nov., attracts birds. **Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*)** is taller, up to 13', and has red berries in fall.

Winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*)

Sun to shade, dry to wet soils, tolerates all soil types, size varies, many cultivars, inconspicuous white flowers in May-July, bright red fruit Sept.-Feb., high wildlife value, attracts birds, berries on female plants, need male (1 M: 5 F) for pollination



Arrowwood viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)

Sun to shade, dry to wet soils, size 8' x 4', white flowers in May-Jun, attractive stems in winter, high wildlife value, attracts birds



Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)

Sun to shade, moist to wet soils, likes all soil types, size 6' x 8', white flowers Jun-Jul, red to purple fall foliage, attracts birds and beneficial insects



Ox-eye sunflower
(*Heliopsis helianthoides*)

Sun to pt. sun, dry to moist soils, prefers loamy soils, size 4' x 3', yellow flowers June-Sept., butterfly plant, attracts hummingbirds, good cultivar is 'Summer Sun'



Joe Pye weed
(*Eupatorium fistulosum*)

Sun to pt. sun, dry to wet soils, clay - loamy soils, size 8' x 4', mauve flowers July- Oct., butterfly plant, attracts birds and beneficial insects

Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)

Sun to pt. sun, dry to wet soils, all soil types, size varies significantly with cultivar, grows in clumps, attractive summer through winter, seeds feed birds and mammals



Obedient plant
(*Physostegia virginiana*)

Sun to pt. sun, dry to moist soils, all soil types, size 5' x 3', spreads, pink flowers June - Sept., cultivars are less aggressive, white flowered varieties available

Black-eyed susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
Brown-eyed susan (*Rudbeckia triloba*)
Orange coneflower (*Rudbeckia fulgida*)
Sun to pt. sun, dry to moist soils, all soil types, size 3' x 2', yellow flowers June - Oct.

