

PLANTS FOR MOIST, WELL DRAINED SOILS

Many gardeners have a perpetually boggy patch of ground. You'll find that most standard nursery offerings are not up to the challenge of that condition. Constantly moist soils lack the air that most plants need for good growth. That is the reason why not just any plant will grow in a swamp. Following are some choices of plants for constantly moist, well-drained soil. The end of the list includes plants that tolerate shallow water.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Aconitum</i>	Monkshood	<i>Helianthus angustifolia</i>	Swamp Sunflower
<i>Actaea</i>	Bugbane	<i>Hibiscus</i>	Rose mallow
<i>Alchemilla</i>	Lady's Mantle	<i>Isolepis (Scirpus)</i>	Fiber Optic Grass
<i>Alocasia</i>	Elephant Ear	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich Fern
<i>Aruncus</i>	Goatsbeard	<i>Monarda</i>	Bee Balm
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	<i>Mimulus</i>	Monkey Flower
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	<i>Miscanthus (some varieties)</i>	Maiden Grass
<i>Astilbe</i>	Astilbe	<i>Molinia caerulea</i>	Purple Moor Grass
<i>Astilboides tabularis</i>	Shield Leaf	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern
<i>Athyrium</i>	Lady Fern	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switch Grass
<i>Bergenia</i>	Elephant Ear	<i>Physostegia</i>	Obedient Plant
<i>Blechnum</i>	Deer Fern	<i>Polygonum</i>	Soloman's Seal
<i>Canna</i>	Canna	<i>Primula</i>	Primrose
<i>Chelone lyonii</i>	Turtlehead	<i>Rodgersia</i>	Rodger's Flower
<i>Cyrtomium</i>	Fish Tail Fern	<i>Sisyrinchium californicum</i>	Yellow Eyed Grass
<i>Gunnera</i>	Dinosaur Food	<i>Thalictrum</i>	Meadow Sweet
<i>Hosta</i>	Plantain Lily	<i>Tiarella</i>	Foam Flower
<i>Ligularia</i>	Ligularia	<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	Spiderwort
<i>Lysimachia</i>	Creeping Jenny	<i>Trollius</i>	Globe Flower
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Helen's Flower	<i>Zantedeschia</i>	Common Calla

Groundcovers for moist, well drained soil

<i>Arenaria</i>	Corsican Sandwort	<i>Mentha</i>	Corsican Mint
<i>Galium</i>	Sweet Woodruff	<i>Potentilla</i>	Spring Cinquefoil
<i>Isotoma</i>	Blue Star Creeper	<i>Vinca minor</i>	Dwarf Vinca
<i>Lysimachia</i>	Creeping Jenny		

Trees for moist, well drained soil

<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir	<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	<i>Salix</i>	Willow
<i>Liquidambar</i>	Sweet Gum	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	Coast Redwood
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum		

Shrubs for moist, well drained soil

Botanical Name	Common Name	Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Andromeda</i>	Bog Rosemary	<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Dogwood (Shrub)
<i>Chaenomoles</i>	Flowering Quince	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Potentilla
<i>Chionanthus</i>	Fringe Tree	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	American Elderberry
<i>Clethra</i>	Summersweet	<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Snowball Bush

Plants for Shallow Water (1 inch over the plant crown)

<i>Acorus gramineus</i>	Japanese Sweet Flag	<i>Iris ensata</i>	Japanese Iris
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	<i>Iris laevigata</i>	Water Iris
<i>Carex elata</i> 'Aurea'	Bowles Golden Sedge	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag
<i>Juncus</i>	Common Rush	<i>Typha</i>	Cattail
<i>Cyperus alternifolius</i>	Umbrella Plant		