
Wet and dry soil plants

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Plants for wet soils in winter and dry soils in summer

The list includes the plants that are most reported as being tolerant. Others may be as tolerant, but less widely grown.



Cultivars have been chosen for their RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM) status where possible. Otherwise, good cultivars that are widely available have been chosen.

Trees

Acer campestre
Acer negundo
Acer rubrum 'October Glory' AGM
Alnus glutinosa
Amelanchier 'Robin Hill'
Betula utilis var. *jacquemontii* 'Grayswood Ghost' AGM
Betula pendula 'Youngii'
Carpinus betulus AGM
Cornus alternifolia 'Argentea' AGM
Crataegus laevigata 'Paul's Scarlet' AGM
Liquidambar styraciflua (inc. 'Lane Roberts' AGM and 'Worplesdon' AGM)
Magnolia grandiflora 'Kay Parris' AGM
Malus 'Adirondak' AGM
Nyssa sinensis
Nyssa sylvatica 'Wisley Bonfire' AGM
Quercus coccinea 'Splendens' AGM
Quercus petraea
Salix purpurea 'Pendula' AGM
Taxodium distichum

Herbaceous perennials

Actaea simplex 'Brunette' AGM
Agapanthus 'Northern Star' PBR
Ajuga reptans 'Catlin's Giant' AGM
Alchemilla mollis AGM
Anemone japonica hupehensis var. *japonica* 'Pamina' AGM
Aquilegia vulgaris
Aster peduncularis
Astrantia 'Roma' AGM
Astrantia 'Lars'
Astrantia major 'Alba'
Astrantia 'Ruby Wedding'
Crinum x powellii
Darmera peltata AGM
Erigeron karvinskianus AGM

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Eupatorium maculatum (Atropurpureum Group) 'Purple Bush' AGM
Euphorbia characias subsp. *wulfenii* AGM
Euphorbia donii
Euphorbia mellifera AGM
Euphorbia x *pasteurii* 'John Phillips'
Francoa sonchifolia
Geranium phaeum
Geranium x *oxonianum* 'Wargrave Pink',
Geranium pratense
Geranium Rozanne = 'Gerwat' AGM
Geum 'Coppertone'
Geum avens 'Borisii'
Geum avens 'Lady Stratheden' AGM
Geum avens 'Mrs Bradshaw' AGM
Helleborus x *hybrdus*
Hemerocallis 'Burning Daylight' AGM
Hesperantha coccinea 'Major' AGM
Heuchera 'Can Can' AGM
Hosta (Tardiana Group) 'Halcyon' AGM
Iris pseudocorus
Iris sibirica 'Tropic Night' AGM
Iris unguicularis
Knautia macedonica
Lysimachia clethroides AGM
Lysimachia punctata
Lythrum salicaria 'Robert'
Origanum vulgare
Papaver orientalis 'Beauty of Livermere'
Persicaria affinis 'Darjeeling Red' AGM
Persicaria 'Taurus'
Persicaria runcinata 'Purple Fantasy'
Phlox paniculata 'White Admiral'
Polygonatum hookeri
Polygonatum biflorum
Primula vulgaris
Rodgersia aesculifolia AGM
Sanguisorba officinalis
Sedum 'Vera Jameson'
Stachys byzantinus 'Silver Carpet'
Thalictrum delavayi AGM
Verbena bonariensis AGM

Bulbs and corms

Camassia leichtlinii subsp. *suksdorfii* Caerulea Group
Cyclamen hederifolium AGM
Fritilaria meleagris AGM

Grasses

Calamagrostis acutifolia 'Overdam'
Calamagrostis brachytricha AGM
Carex pendula
Carex oshimensis 'Evergold' AGM
Hakonochloa macra AGM
Miscanthus sinensis 'Kleine Fontaine' AGM
Stipa gigantea AGM

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Annuals and biennials



Borago officinalis (successful because of self-seeding)
Digitalis purpurea
Digitalis purpurea f. *albiflora*
Myosotis sylvatica (successful because of self-seeding)

Ferns

Asplenium scolopendrium AGM
Polystichum setiferum AGM

Shrubs

Andromeda polifolia 'Compacta' AGM
Berberis thunbergii f. *atropurpurea* 'Rose Glow' AGM
Buddleja x weyeriana 'Sungold' AGM
Callistemon citrinus 'Splendens' AGM (mild areas only)
Choisya ternata AGM
Cornus alba 'Sibirica' AGM
Corylus avellana 'Contorta' AGM
Cotinus 'Grace'
Cotinus 'Royal Purple' AGM
Cotoneaster 'Cornubia' AGM
Escallonia rubra 'Crimson Spire' AGM
Euonymus europeaus 'Red Cascade'
Euonymus japonicus ovatus 'Aurea' AGM
Fuchsia 'Riccartonii' AGM
Fuchsia magellanica AGM
Fuchsia genii AGM
Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle' AGM
Hydrangea aspera Villosa Group
Ligustrum japonicum 'Rotundifolium'
Magnolia x soulangiana 'Brozzonii' AGM
Magnolia delavayi
Magnolia 'Elizabeth' AGM
Magnolia x loebneri 'Leonard Messel' AGM
Magnolia grandiflora 'Exmouth'
Osmanthus delavayi AGM
Osmanthus x burkwoodii AGM
Physocarpus opulifolius 'Lady in Red' AGM
Rhododendron (Loderi Group) 'Loderi King George' AGM
Rhododendron yakushimanum 'Koichiro Wada' AGM
Rosa 'Wedding Day'
Rosa brunonii
Rosa rugosa 'Roseaie de L'Hay' AGM
Rosa canina
Rosa 'The Queen Elizabeth'
Rosa 'Flower Carpet Amber' AGM
Sambucus nigra f. *porphyrophylla* 'Eva' (PBR) AGM
Viburnum x bodnantense 'Dawn' AGM
Viburnum x hilleri 'Winton' AGM
Viburnum sargentii 'Onondaga' AGM
Viburnum opulus 'Roseum' AGM
Viburnum opulus 'Xanthophyllum' AGM
Viburnum plicatum f. *tomentosum* 'Mariesii' AGM
Viburnum rhytidophyllum
Viburnum tinus 'Eve Price' AGM

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Climbers



Clematis viticella 'Polish Spirit' AGM (once established)

Fruit

Apples

Blackcurrants

Pears

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