


Water Chestnut
Elocharis tuberosa
12-15 in.
sun/pt.shade
Depth: 2-6 in.

Tubers are edible.

Horsetail Rush
Equisetum hyemale
3 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2 in.




Curly Rush
Juncus effusus
'Spiralis'
8-12 in.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-6 in.






Variegated Rush
Juncus effusus
'Gold Strike'
16-28 in.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-8 in.

Red Stemmed Parrots Feather
Myriophyllum spp.
3-4 in.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-6 in.



Parrots Feather
Myriophyllum aquaticum
6 in.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-12 in.



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Hardy Plants for the Colorado Water Garden

These plants have proven to grow well along the Colorado Front Range. Included are: common name, botanical name, height, desired condition, depth. Information on depth refers to the suggested distance of the pot top to the water surface.

 Rocky Mountain Native plant.

 Provides seed for birds.

 Attracts Butterflies.

Flowering Varieties

WHITE



Lizard's Tail
Saururus cernuus
1-2 ft.
sun
Flower Color: white
Blooms: July-Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.

Water Willow
Justica americana
10 in.
sun
Flower Color: white with dark fuschia accents
Blooms: July-Aug.
Depth: 2-3 in.



Snowball
Gymnocoronis spilanthoides
1 - 2 ft.
sun
Flower Color: white
Blooms: July-Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.



Variegated Arrowhead
Sagittaria graminea
'crushed ice'
1 - 1.5 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: white
Blooms: July-Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.



Water Parsley
Peucedanum palustre
12-18 in.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: white
Blooms: June-Aug.
Depth: 2-6 in.



Arrowhead
Sagittaria latifolia
1 - 1.5 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: white
Blooms: July-Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.





Houttuynia
Houttuynia cordata
8-12 in.
sun/ pt. shade
Flower Color: White
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-4 in.

Rainbow Plant
Houttuynia cordata
'variegata'
8-10 in.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: White
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-4 in.



Yerba
Yerba Mensa
10 in.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: white
Blooms: June-Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.



Butterfly Weed
Asclepias incarnata
'Ice Ballet'
10 in.
sun/ pt. shade
Flower Color: white
Blooms: June
Depth: 2-6 in.
Cut back after first bloom for continuing bloom.



Bog Bean
Menyanthes trifoliata
8 in.
sun
Flower Color: white
Blooms: April
Depth: 2-12 in.

Water Celery
Oenanthe javanica
1-2 ft.
sun/ pt shade
Flower Color: Yellow
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-3 in.



Inset:
Oenanthe javanica 'variegata'
Same as above, but not as prolific a bloomer.



Water Hawthorn
Aponogeton distachyus
grows at water surface
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: white with dark pink
Blooms: April
Depth: 10-24 in.



Water Baby's Breath
Alisma plantago-aquatica
1 - 1.5 ft.
sun/shade
Flower Color: white
Blooms: July-Aug.
Depth: 2-6 in.

Variegated Sweetflag
Acorus calamus variegatus
3 ft.
sun
Flower Color:
Blooms:
Depth: 2-10 in.



Dwarf Sweetflag
Acorus calamus variegatus
1 ft.
sun
Depth: 2-6 in.



Umbrella Grass
Cyperus longus
3-4 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-10 in.

Black Flowering Sedge
Carex nigra
12 in.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: black
Blooms: May
Depth: 2 in.



Ribbon Grass
Phalaris arundinacea 'Feecey'
2 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-6 in.



Variegated Sedge
Carex riparia 'Variegata'
1 ft.
sun/pt. shade/shade
Depth: 2-3 in.
Almost white in spring and early summer changing to more green.



Japanese Blood Grass
Imperata cylindrica 'Rubra'
2-3 ft.
sun/ pt. shade
Depth: 2-6 in.

Beaked Sedge
Carex uticulata
1 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: green
Blooms: August
Depth: 2-6 in




Blue Rush
Juncus glauca
3-4 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: insignificant
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-12 in.






White Rush
Scirpus lacustris
spp. 'Albescens'
1 - 1.5 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-6 in.






Variegated Cattails
Typha latifolia
variegata
3 ft.
sun
Flower Color: green
Blooms: Aug.-Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.



Zebra Rush
Scirpus tabernaemontani 'Zebrinus'
1.5-2 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-6 in.




Miniature Cattails
Typha minima
2 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: green
turning brown
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-6 in.



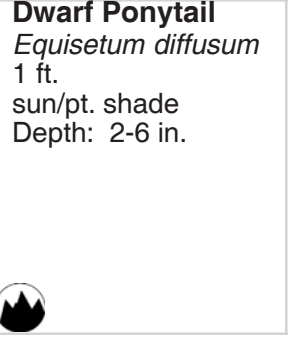


Graceful Cattail
Typha laxmannii
2-3 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: green
turning brown
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-12 in.







Dwarf Ponytail
Equisetum diffusum
1 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-6 in.



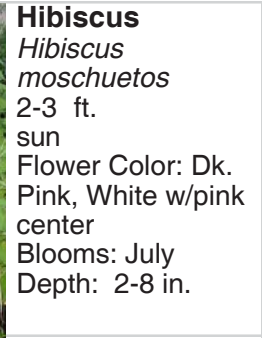
Miniature Horsetail
Equisetum scirpoides
1 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-6 in.




PINK



Hibiscus
Hibiscus moscheutos
2-3 ft.
sun
Flower Color: Dk. Pink, White w/pink center
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-8 in.





Butterfly Weed
Asclepias incarnata
'Cinderella'
2-3 ft.
sun
Flower Color: Pink
Blooms: July-Aug.
Depth: 2-8 in.



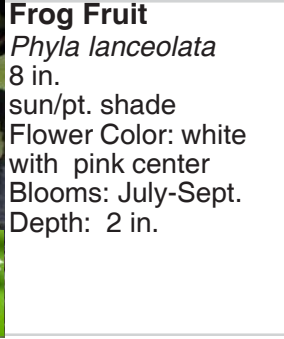
Marsh Betony
Stachys palustris
2 ft.
Flower Color: pink with whites
Blooms: June-Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.

Cut back after first bloom for continuing bloom.







Frog Fruit
Phyla lanceolata
8 in.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: white with pink center
Blooms: July-Sept.
Depth: 2 in.




YELLOW

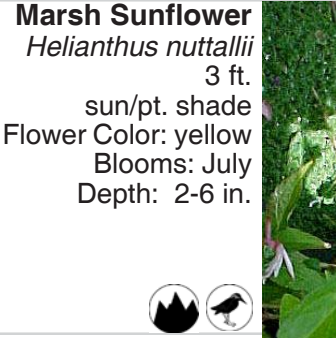


Floating Heart
Nymphoides peltata
surface- lily-like
sun
Flower Color: yellow
Blooms: May -Sept.
Depth: 12 in.





Yellow Iris
Iris Pseudacorus
3 ft.
sun
Flower Color: yellow/pale yellow
Blooms: June
Depth: 2-10 in.





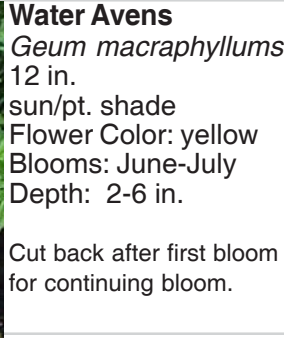
Marsh Sunflower
Helianthus nuttallii
3 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: yellow
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-6 in.





Water Avens
Geum macrophyllum
12 in.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: yellow
Blooms: June-July
Depth: 2-6 in.

Cut back after first bloom for continuing bloom.



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Euphorbia
Euphorbia
'Chocolate'
10-16 in.
sun/pt.shade
Flower Color: yellow
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-6 in.



Primrose Creeper
Ludwigia peploides
3 ft. creeping/floating
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: Yellow
Blooms: June-Sept.
Depth: 2-16 in.




Overwinters reliably if pot is set at bottom of pond for winter.



Mini Spearwort
Ranunculus flammula
10-18 in.
sun
Flower Color: Yellow
Blooms: June-Aug.
Depth: 2-6 in.
Cut back after first bloom for continuing bloom.

Monkey Flower
Mimulus guttatus
6 in.
pt. shade
Flower Color: Yellow
Blooms: June-Sept.
Depth: 1 in.




Yellow Loosetrife
Lysimachia punctata
'alexander'
12 in. Pink in spring
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: yellow
Blooms: July
Depth: 2 in.
Not related to Purple Loosetrife which is *Lythrum salicaria*.



Iris Japanese Variegated
Iris kaempferi
variegata
2 ft.
sun
Flower Color: Violet Blue
Blooms: May-June.
Depth: 2-6 in.




BLUE & PURPLE



False Bittersweet
Solanum dulcamara
10 ft. vining
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: Purple with yellow center
Depth: 2-6 in.

Water Forget-me-not
Myosotis scorpioides
6-12 in.
pt. shade
Flower Color: Blue with yellow center
Blooms: June-Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.




Pickeral Rush
Pontederia cordata
2 ft.
sun
Flower Color: Blue
Blooms: July-Sept.
Depth: 2-12 in.





Curly Mint
Mentha aquatica
'crispa'
3 ft.
sun/shade
Flower Color: lavender
Blooms: July-August
Depth: 2-12 in.

TREES & SHRUBS




Swamp Cypress
Taxodium distachium
10 ft.
sun
Depth: 2-6 in.

Deciduous
Can be pruned to maintain size desired.

Corkscrew Willow
Salix matsudana
tuberosa
10-15 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Depth: 2-20 in.

Deciduous
Can be pruned to maintain size desired.



Button Bush
Cephalanthus
Occidentalis
3 ft.
sun
Flower Color: white
Blooms: July
Depth: 2-6 in.


Deciduous



GRASSES, REEDS & SEDGES



Giant Reed
Arundo donax
variegata
2-4 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: seed head.
Blooms: Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.



Candystripe Reed
Phragmites australis
'Candy Stripe'
2-3 ft.
sun/pt. shade
Flower Color: reddish seed head.
Blooms: Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.

Golden Reed
Phragmites australis
aurea
2-4 ft.
sun/pt.shade
Flower Color: reddish seed head.
Blooms: July-Sept.
Depth: 2-6 in.

