

## Rain Garden Plants for the Mat-Su Valley

Native Plant **Many native plants are offered as non-native varieties at nurseries.**  
 Non-Native Plant **Be cautionary of invasive plants, such as non-native forget-me-nots.**

<b>Deciduous Shrub</b>	<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Bloom Time</u>	<u>Bloom Color</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Spacing</u>	<u>Habit</u>	<u>Ideal Placement</u>
Nanking Cherry	<i>Prunus tomentosa</i>	Mid-Spr.	Pink	6-8'	6-8'	Upright, Semi-spreading	Full sun
Salmonberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	Late Spr.	Pink	4-6'	3'	Erect, Thicket-forming	Full sun to partial shade
Prickly Rose	<i>Rosa acicularis</i>	Mid-Spr. to Early Sum.	Deep Pink	3-5'	4'	Arching, Bushy	Protective barrier, best paired with wildflowers
Sweetgale	<i>Myrica gale</i>	Mid-Spr. to Early Sum.	Pale Yellow	4-6'	4'	Erect, Horizontal	Full sun to partial shade
Black Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Spr.	Near White	3-5'	4'	Upright, Leggy	Full sun to partial shade
Labrador Tea	<i>Ledum groenlandicum</i>	Late Spr.	Near White	24-36"	3'	Erect, Spreading	Full sun, don't plant on the slope
<i>Emerald Elf Amur Maple</i>	<i>Acer ginnala 'Emerald Elf'</i>	Mid-Spr.	White	4-6'	3-4'	Rounded, Dense	Full sun to partial shade
Red-twig Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Early Sum.	White	5-8'	5'	Upright	Full sun, wind barrier for smaller plants
<i>Yellow-twig Dogwood</i>	<i>Cornus sericea 'flaviramea'</i>	Early Sum.	White	5-8'	5'	Upright	Full sun, wind barrier for smaller plants
Willow	<i>Salix spp.</i>	Varies	White	Varies	Varies	Upright	Full sun to partial shade
Highbush Cranberry	<i>Viburnum edule</i>	Spr.	White	4-8'	3'	Erect, Spreading	Full sun to partial shade
<b>Perennial</b>	<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Bloom Time</u>	<u>Bloom Color</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Spacing</u>	<u>Habit</u>	<u>Ideal Placement</u>
Lady Fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	-	Green	24-36"	15-18"	Upright, Arching	Partial shade, drought tolerant
Wood Fern	<i>Dryopteris dilatata</i>	-	Green	30-36"	3'	Upright, Arching	Partial shade to full shade.
Ostrich Fern	<i>Matteucci struthiopteris</i>	-	Green	3-4'	24-30"	Upright, Vase-like	Partial shade to full shade, wet areas only
Chocolate Lily	<i>Fritillaria camshatcensis</i>	Mid-Spr. to Early Sum.	Purple/Brown	12-18"	6-9"	Upright	Full sun
Northern Bluebell	<i>Mertensia paniculata</i>	June, July	Light Blue	24-36"	18-24"	Erect stem	Full sun to partial shade
Lupine	<i>Lupinus articus, L. nootkatensis</i>	Mid-Summer	Blue	18-36"	18-24"	Upright	Full sun to partial shade, fix nitrogen
Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium acutiflorum</i>	Mid-Sum. to Late-Sum.	Blue	12-36"	12-18"	Upright, Clump-forming	Full sun to partial shade
Forget-Me-Not	<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	Late-Spr. to Mid-Sum.	Blue/Pink	4-12"	12"	Clump-forming	Full sun to partial sun
Siberian Aster	<i>Aster sibiricus</i>	Mid-Sum. to Late-Sum.	Blue/Violet	12-18"	15-18"	Upright	Full sun, plant on slope
Wild Alaskan Geranium	<i>Geranium eranthium</i>	Late-Spr. to Early Sum.	Blue/Violet	24-36"	18-24"	Upright, Spreading	Full sun to partial shade
Alaska Wild Iris	<i>Iris setosa</i>	June, July	Blue/Violet	18-24"	9-12"	Upright	Full sun, often planted at bottom of garden
<i>Iris</i>	<i>Iris spp.</i>	Varies	Blue	18-36"	18-36"	Upright	Full sun to partial shade
Larkspur	<i>Delphinium glaucum</i>	Mid-Sum. to Late-Sum.	Violet	4-6'	24-36"	Shrub-like	Full sun to partial shade
Smallflower Columbine	<i>Aquilegia brevistyla</i>	Mid-Spr. to Early Sum.	Lavender	18-24"	12"	Upright, Spreading	Full sun to partial shade
Shooting Star	<i>Dodecatheon pulchellum</i>	Late Spr.	Pink	12"	12-15"	Upright	Full sun to partial shade
Crimson Columbine	<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Late-Spr. to Mid-Sum.	Red Orange	24-36"	18-24"	Upright, Spreading	Full sun to shade
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Late Sum. to Early Fall	Yellow	24-36"	24-36"	Upright	Full sun to partial shade
<i>Stella De Oro Daylily</i>	<i>Hemerocallis 'Stella De Oro'</i>	All Sum.	Yellow/Orange	12"	12"	Upright	Full sun to partial shade
<i>Globeflower</i>	<i>Trollius europaeus, Trollius spp.</i>	Late Spr. to Early Sum.	Yellow/Orange	24-36"	15-18"	Upright, Spreading	Full sun to partial shade, prefer moist
Goatsbeard	<i>Aruncus dioicus, 'Kneiffii'</i>	Late-Spr. to Mid-Sum.	Cream	4-6'	4-6'	Shrub-like	Partial shade, but tolerates sun with watering
Common Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Varies	White/Yellow/Pink	24-36"	18-24"	Upright, Compact	Full sun
<i>Columbine</i>	<i>Aquilegia spp.</i>	Varies	Varies	6-36"	12-24"	Upright, Spreading	Full sun to partial shade
<i>Daylily</i>	<i>Hemerocallis spp.</i>	All Sum.	Varies	12"	12-18"	Upright	Full sun to partial shade
<i>Meadow Rue</i>	<i>Thalictrum spp.</i>	Varies	Varies	3-4'	18-24"	Upright	Full sun to partial shade
<b>Grasses/Sedges</b>	<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Bloom Time</u>	<u>Bloom Color</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Spacing</u>	<u>Habit</u>	<u>Ideal Placement</u>
<i>Feather Reed Grass</i>	<i>Calamagrostis acutiflora</i>	Late Spr. to Early Sum.	Inconspicuous	4-6'	24-36"	Upright, Erect	Full sun to partial shade
Bluejoint Grass	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	Mid-Sum. to Late-Sum.	Gold/Green	2-5'	3'	Upright, Erect	Full sun to partial shade
Tufted Hair Grass	<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	Late Sum.	Gold/Silver/Purple	3-5'	3'	Upright, Weeping	Full sun to partial shade
Native Sedge	<i>Carex gmelini</i>	-	-	36"	30"	Upright, Weeping	Full sun to partial shade