



A Cape Cod Rain Garden

Suitable Plants for Sun and Some Shade

PERENNIALS

Foamflower; *Tiarella cordifolia* – Bloom time: Spring - White, groundcover

Blue Flag; *Iris versicolor* – Bloom time: Early summer

Boneset; *Eupatorium perfoliatum* – Bloom time: Mid-late summer

Joe Pye Weed; *Eupatorium purpureum* – Bloom time: Mid-summer

Great blue lobelia; *Lobelia siphilitica* – Bloom time: Mid-summer

Spotted Joe Pye Weed; *Eupatorium maculatum* – Bloom time: Mid-summer

New England Aster; *Symphotrichum novae-angliae* – Bloom time: Late summer-early fall

Black-Eyed Susan; *Rudbeckia hirta* – Bloom time: Summer to Fall

Common Bee Balm / Oswego Tea / Scarlet Bee Balm; *Monarda didyma* – Bloom time: Late Summer - Nectar Source for hummingbirds, butterflies & bees

Purple coneflower; *Echinacea purpurea* (L.) Moench – Bloom time: Summer

Common Sneezeweed; *Helenium autumnale* – Bloom time: Summer-Fall

Goldenrod, Anise-scented; *Solidago odoro* – Bloom time: July through October - Attracts butterflies pollinators

Butterfly Milkweed; *Asclepias tuberosa* – Bloom time: Summer- Attracts butterflies & pollinators

Swamp Milkweed; *Asclepias incarnata* – Bloom time: Summer - Attracts butterflies & pollinators

False Blue Indigo; *Baptisia australis* – Bloom time: Late spring - Attracts butterflies

Turtlehead; *Chelone glabra* – Bloom time: Late summer - White or blush pink; deer resistant; attracts butterflies

GRASSES

Switchgrass; *Panicum virgatum* “Cape Breeze” or “Shenandoah” - Tolerates salt - Good fall and winter color & interest 2-3ft tall

Little Bluestem; *Schizachyrium Scoparium* – Tolerates salt - Good fall & Winter interest 1-2ft tall

SEDGES

Pennsylvania Sedge; *Carex pensylvanica* - groundcover

Path Rush; *Juncus tenuis* - groundcover

SHRUBS

Wild Cranberry; *Vaccinium macrocarpon* or *V. oxycoccos* - groundcover

Elderberry; *Sambucus Canadensis* – Bloom time: Mid summer - Edible berries for wildlife, jelly and wine

Swamp Azalea; *Rhododendron viscosum* – Bloom time: Spring – White fragrant blooms

Arrowwood; *Viburnum dentatum* – Bloom time: Early summer – White blossoms, Black fruit; wildlife benefit

Virginia Sweetspire; *Itea virginica* – Bloom time: Summer – wildlife benefits

Sweet Pepperbush; *Clethra alnifolia* – Bloom time: Late summer – White fragrant blooms; deer tolerant

Winterberry Holly; *Ilex verticillata* – Bright red berries in fall persisting into winter – need both male & female for berry production

Spicebush; *Lindera benzoin* – Bloom time: Early spring - Aromatic leaves & stems

Inkberry Holly; *Ilex glabra* - Evergreen

Common Buttonbush; *Cephalanthus occidentalis* – Bloom time: Summer

Highbush Blueberry; *Vaccinium corybosum* – Bloom time: Spring – midsummer fruit; supports wildlife

FERNS

Lady Fern; *Athyrium filix-femina*

Cinnamon Fern; *Osmunda cinnamomeum*

New York Fern; *Thelypteris noveboracensis*

Massachusetts Fern; *Thelypteris simulate*

Royal Fern; *Osmunda regalis*