

# RAIN GARDEN PLANTS



## ZONES OF YOUR RAIN GARDEN

### Zone 1: Base

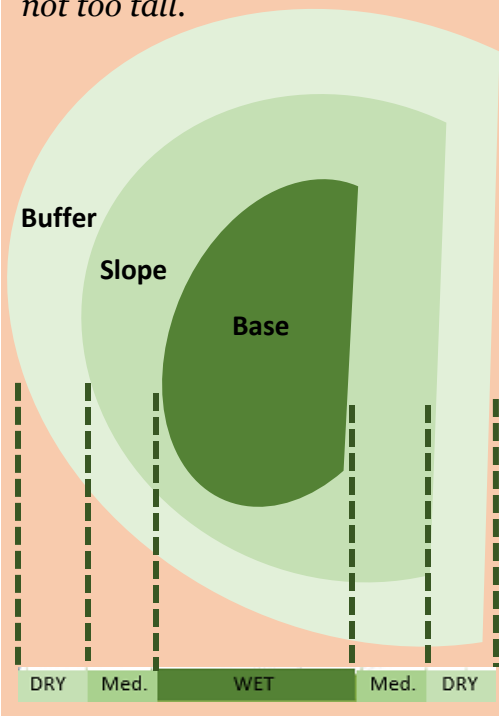
The base of your garden will host plants that can tolerate wet to moist soil.

### Zone 2: Slope

The area extending from the base towards the outer edges of your garden is considered the slope. The slope of your garden will host plants that can tolerate soil that is moist, but not wet.

### Zone 3: Buffer

Your buffer zone extends from the slope and creates the edges of your garden. This zone will host plants that tolerate mostly dry soils and are usually not too tall.



## PLANT SELECTIONS FOR EACH ZONE

### BASE

- *Asclepias incarnata* (swamp milkweed)
- *Physostegia virginiana* (obedient plant)
- *Chelone glabra* (white turtlehead)
- *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* (New England aster)
- *Eupatorium maculatum* (Joe-Pye weed)

### Joe-Pye Weed



### SLOPE

- *Echinacea angustifolia* (purple coneflower)
- *Liatris pycnostachya* (prairie blazing star)
- *Symphyotrichum lateriflorum* (calico aster)
- *Allium stellatum* (prairie wild onion)
- *Bouteloua curtipendula* (side oats grama)
- *Panicum virgatum* (switchgrass)

### Prairie Wild Onion



### Buffer

- *Mondarda fistulosa* (wild bergamot)
- *Schizachyrium scoparium* (little bluestem)
- *Agastache foeniculum* (blue giant hyssop)
- *Geum triflorum* (prairie smoke)
- *Solidago speciose* (showy goldenrod)
- *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterflyweed)

### Little Bluestem



### Blue Giant Hyssop



### Sideoats Grama



### Showy Goldenrod



## Shrub & Tree Options

- *Amelanchier laevis* (serviceberry)
- *Cornus racemosa* (gray dogwood)
- *Cornus sericea, stolonifera* (red-osier dogwood)
- *Sambucus pubens* (red berried elderberry)
- *Symphoricarpos albus* (snowberry)
- *Ceanothus americanus* (New Jersey tea)
- *Viburnum lentago* 'Homefree' (Nannyberry)

### Red-Osier Dogwood



# RAIN GARDEN DESIGNS

Rain garden-in-a-Box Designs from: PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

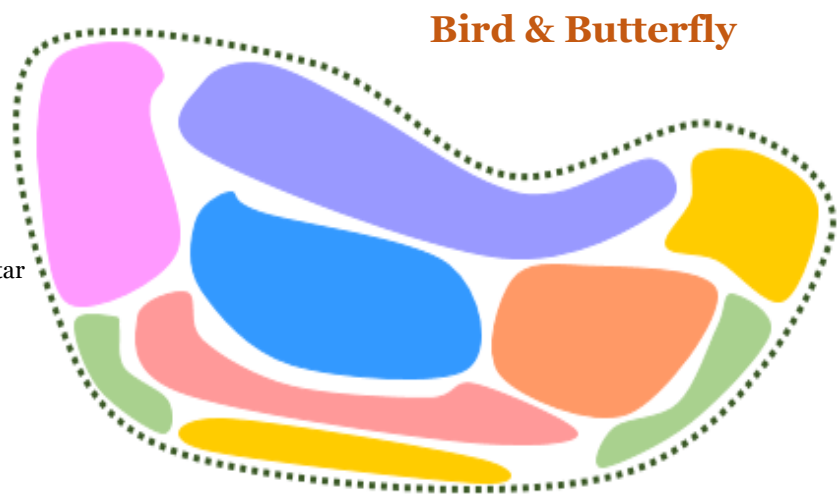
## Sun Bird & Butterfly



Prairie Blazing Star



Blue Flag Iris



Ironweed



Little Bluestem



Joe-Pye Weed



Black-eyed Susan



Marsh Milkweed

### Additional Resources for Selecting Plants

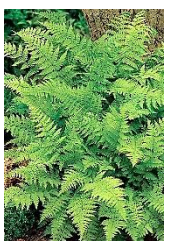
- <https://www.minnesotawildflowers.info>
- <https://plants.usda.gov/java/>



## Shade Flowers & Ferns



Wild Geranium



Lady Fern



Smooth Oxeye



White Turtlehead



Wild Ginger



Jacob's Ladder



Ostrich Fern