

WET WOODLAND GARDEN

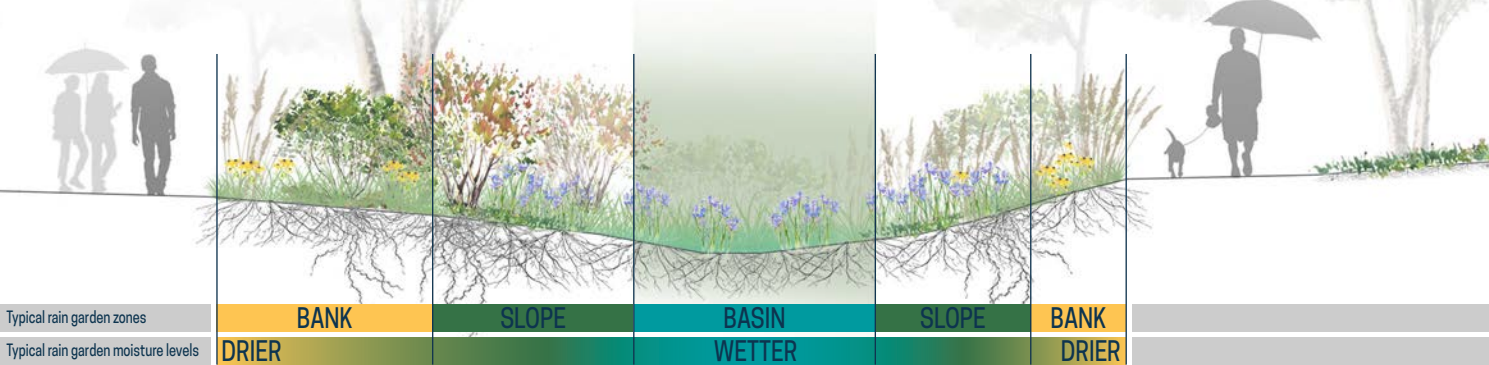
Shaded areas of the yard can be challenging places for grass to grow. Luckily, Illinois has dozens of native plant species that thrive in shade. Instead of a traditional lawn, consider shade-loving groundcovers, like sedges and ferns. For interest, add other shade plants that are taller and bloom. This guide features a planting plan focused on natives typically found in wet Illinois woodlands. The plan creates year-round interest for homeowners and extends the foraging season for pollinators. Additionally, native plants help soak up rainfall and can be used in rain gardens. For more information, visit the University of Illinois Extension Horticulture website: extension.illinois.edu/global/horticulture.

ADDITIONAL PLANTING OPTIONS

SPACING OPTIONS: If you have more space, duplicate the planting plan located on the inside of this brochure. For less space, consider these two smaller options for 4' x 10' Wet Woodland Garden beds:



RAIN GARDEN OPTIONS: The plants in this brochure are all shade-loving species that prefer wet soils. For placement in a shaded rain garden, they are best suited for the basin. See the cross-section of a typical rain garden for recommended location.



WHERE TO FIND PLANTS AND MORE INFORMATION

The plant palette is inspired by the Red Oak Rain Garden: redoakraingarden.org. The Illinois Native Plant Society webpage lists sources of native plants: illinoisplants.org. For more information about plants, see the University of Illinois Extension Horticulture website.

PUT YOUR NATIVE PLANT GARDEN ON THE MAP

You can be part of a network of native plantings by registering your Illinois native plant garden or rain garden. This helps build community and encourage native plant use. Add your native plant garden to the map: go.illinois.edu/GardenMap.

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NATIVE ILLINOIS PLANTS FOR WET AND SHADED GARDENS

PLANTING PLAN FOR A 6' x 25' BED

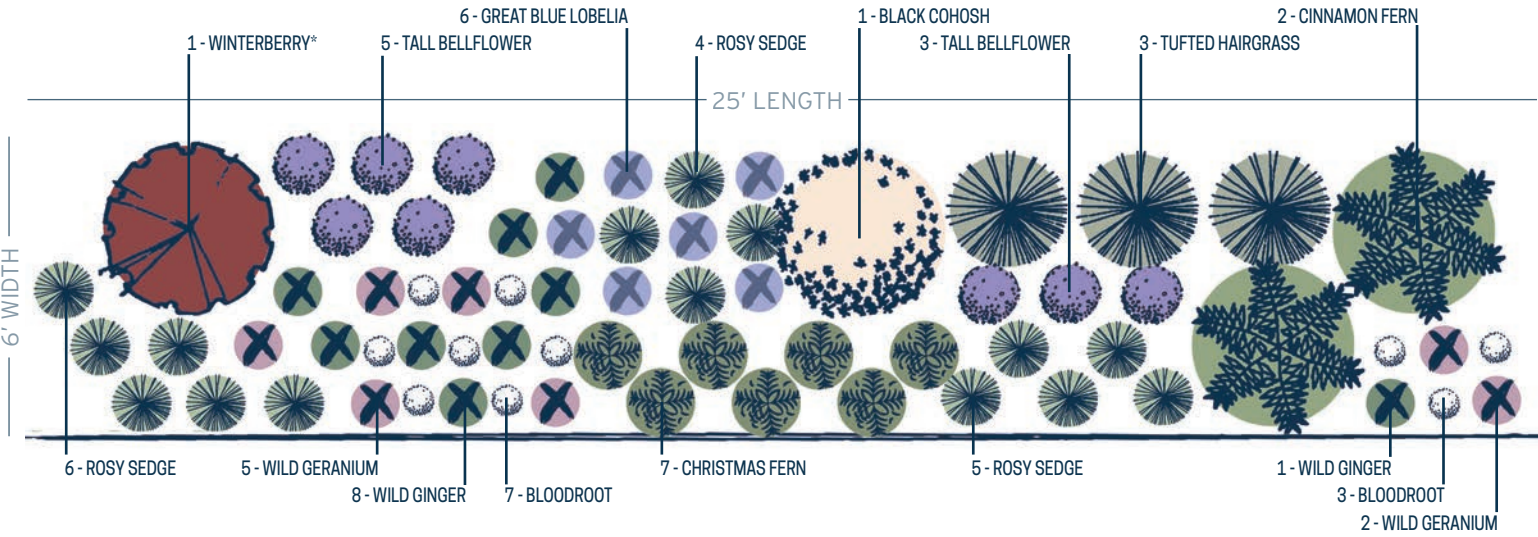
Category Common Name (Total quantity in design)

GROUNDCOVER: Rosy Sedge (15), Wild Geranium (7), Wild Ginger (9), Christmas Fern (7), Tufted Hairgrass (3)

SEASONAL: Bloodroot (10), Tall Bellflower (8), Great Blue Lobelia (6)

STRUCTURAL: Winterberry* (1), Black Cohosh (1), Cinnamon Fern (2)

See the Red Oak Rain Garden Brochure for information related to the Groundcover, Seasonal, and Structural categories.



FOUR SEASON INTEREST



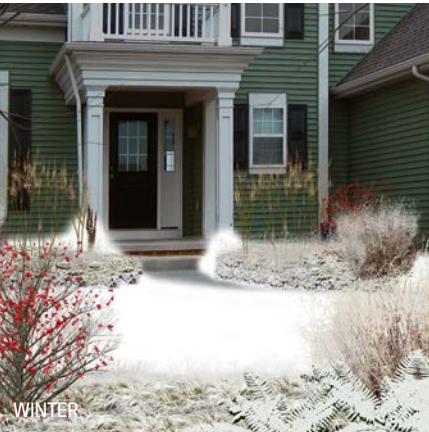
- BLOODROOT
Sanguinaria canadensis
- WILD GERANIUM
Geranium maculatum
- ROSY SEDGE
Carex rosea



- TALL BELLFLOWER
Campanula americana
- BLACK COHOSH
Actaea racemosa
- GREAT BLUE LOBELIA
Lobelia siphilitica
- CINNAMON FERN
Osmunda cinnamomea



- WINTERBERRY
Ilex verticillata
- BOTTLEBRUSH GRASS
Elymus hystrix
- GREAT BLUE LOBELIA
Lobelia siphilitica
- WILD GERANIUM
Geranium maculatum



- ROSY SEDGE
Carex rosea
- WINTERBERRY
Ilex verticillata
- CHRISTMAS FERN
Polystichum acrostichoides

FORBS ORGANIZED BY BLOOM TIME				SPRING				SUMMER				FALL				WINTER			
BLOODROOT <i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>																			
WILD GINGER <i>Asarum canadense</i>																			
WILD GERANIUM <i>Geranium maculatum</i>																			
TALL BELLFLOWER <i>Campanula americana</i>																			
BLACK COHOSH <i>Actaea racemosa</i>																			
GREAT BLUE LOBELIA <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>																			
OTHERS ORGANIZED BY HEIGHT																			
ROSY SEDGE <i>Carex rosea</i>																			
CHRISTMAS FERN <i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>																			
CINNAMON FERN <i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>																			
TUFTED HAIRGRASS <i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>																			
SHRUBS																			
WINTERBERRY* <i>Ilex verticillata</i>																			

SUNLIGHT	HEIGHT	SPACING	MOISTURE	SOIL TYPE	COMMON ECOSYSTEM	ATTRactions	DROUGHT TOLERANCE
	1/2'-1'	1/4'-1/2'		FERTILE LOAM	WOODLAND OPENING		
	1/2'-1'	1'-1 1/2'		LOAM	WOODLAND		
	1'-1 1/2'	1'-1 1/2'		LOAM	WOODLAND		
	2'-6'	1'-2'		FERTILE LOAM	WOODLAND		
	3'-7'	2'-4'		FERTILE LOAM	WOODLAND		
	2'-3'	1'-1 1/2'		FERTILE LOAM	LOW WOODLAND		
	1/2'-1'	1'-1 1/2'		LOAM	WOODLAND		
	1 1/2'-2 1/2'	1'-2'		LOAM, ROCKY	LOW WOODLAND		
	2'-4'	2'-3'		SANDY, ACIDIC	LOW WOODLAND		
	2'-3'	1'-2'		LOAM	WOODLAND		
	3'-10'	3'-5'		ACIDIC LOAM	LOW WOODLAND		

* For a female winterberry to produce the best display of fruit, a male winterberry should be planted within 15 feet for optimal pollination. The male shrub can be located in the same bed as described in this brochure or any adjacent landscaping. Some of these species freely self-seed if seed heads are left standing post-bloom. If this is an issue, remove spent flowers and seed heads. Some plants may migrate from one location to another over time. If this is not desired, transplant them back to preferred locations.

SOURCES
ILLINOIS WILDFLOWERS - illinoiswildflowers.info
PRAIRIE MOON NURSERY - prairiemoon.com
GARDENER EXPERIENCE

LEGEND
 PART SUN
 SHADE

WET SOIL
 MOIST SOIL
 MESIC SOIL
 ATTRACTS BEES
 ATTRACTS HUMMINGBIRDS
 ATTRACTS BIRDS

ATTRACTS A VARIETY OF BUTTERFLIES
 ATTRACTS MONARCH BUTTERFLIES
 CATERPILLAR HOST PLANT

DROUGHT TOLERANT
 SEMI-DROUGHT TOLERANT
 NOT DROUGHT TOLERANT