

# Shady Rain Garden Plant List



**Turtlehead** (*Chelone glabra*) Grows to a height of 2 to 3 feet with a spread of 1.5 to 2.5 feet. Flowers are white with a pinkish tinge and are similar to snapdragons. Prefers a rich, moist to wet, humusy soil with partial shade.



**Obedient Plant** (*Physostegia virginiana*) Grows to a height of 3 to 4 feet with a spread of 2 to 3 feet. Pink or white flowers bloom late in the season. Should be divided every 2-3 years to prevent aggressive spreading. Prefers average to wet, well-drained soil in sun to shade. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.



**Solomon Seal** (*Polygonatum commutatum*) Grows 2 to 3 feet high with a spread of 1/2 to 1 foot. Foliage is blue-green. Flowers are greenish-white and bell shaped. Bloom in late spring. Partial to full shade. Needs moist, neutral to slightly acidic soils and is best grown in shady woodland areas. Attractive to hummingbirds and bees.



**Columbine** (*Aquilegia canadensis*) Grows from 2 to 3 feet high with a spread of 1 to 1.5 feet. Flowers are light pink with yellow to blood red with yellow and bell shaped. Full sun to part shade. Prefers medium wet, well-drained soil but will tolerate a wide range as long as drainage is adequate. Flowers are attractive to hummingbirds.



**Downy Yellow Violet** (*Viola pubescens*) Grows from 0.5 to 1 foot high with a spread of 0.5 to 1 foot. Leaves are heart-shaped and pubescent. Yellow flowers have purple veins on the lower petals and flower in early spring. Part shade. Prefers medium to wet, well-drained soil. Low maintenance.



**Bloodroot** (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) Grows from 6 to 12 inches high with a spread of 6 inches and is usually found in colonies. Leaves and root contain an orange/red juice that is poisonous. Flowers in early spring. Grows best in full sun and leaf litter.



**Interrupted Fern** (*Osmunda claytoniana*) Gets its name from the brown fertile leaflets, which "interrupt" the green sterile leaflets on the larger fronds. Common in open woodlands, damp fields, and shaded roadsides. Grows 2 to 3 feet tall with a similar spread. Grows best in part shade in moist soil.



**Cinnamon Fern** (*Osmunda cinnamomea*) A tall, deciduous, perennial fern of moist woods, grows 2 to 5 feet tall with a spread of 2 to 3 feet. Distinctive, cinnamon-colored fronds. Fiddleheads are sometimes collected in the spring, steamed or boiled, and eaten. Grows best in part shade in moist soil.





**Sensitive Fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*)** Named for its sensitivity to frost. Found in wet meadows, thickets, and woods; stream and riverbanks; swamps and bogs; usually in slightly acidic soil. Partial to full shade and moist soils. A low maintenance fern for moist sites which, despite its name, tolerates the toughest of conditions. Grows 1 to 2 feet high with a spread of 18 to 24 inches.



**Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)** Grows best in well-drained, moist soils in full shade. Often found in moist areas around woodland streams, but also commonly grows in mats on wet rock, especially limestone. Grows to a height of 2 feet with a similar spread.



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Scale: 1/4" = 1'

