Aquatic Plants 2017

Some garden plants also make good aquatic plants.
Their nursery location is listed in bold at the end of those descriptions.

* = New in 2017

**HARDY MARGINAL PLANTS**

Acorus calamus ‘Variegatus’ (Variegated Sweetflag) glossy, variegated, swordlike leaves grow 2-3 feet tall; sun to part shade; 1-4 inches of water; Zone 4

Anemopsis californica a hardy perennial that has large, waxy, gray-green leaves that lay flat; flowers all summer; full sun; grows 16-20 inches tall; Zone 4

Caltha palustris (Marsh Marigold) bright yellow flowers in early spring; a wetlands native that grows to 2 feet tall and goes dormant in mid-late summer; glossy green leaves; Zone 3

Canna gen. ‘Pink Sunburst’ (Variegated Canna) attractive variegated foliage with shades of deep maroon, red, orange and green; soft pink blooms; full sun; 36 inches; moist soil or shallow water; Zone 7

Canna 'Pretoria' (Variegated Canna) bold yellow and green striped leaves edged in maroon; fiery orange flowers atop stems 6-7' tall; water depth maximum of 2 inches; Zone 7

Colocasia esculenta 'Black Magic' (Taro, Elephant Ear) dark, almost black, arrow shaped leaves can stand up to 3 feet tall; plant in shallow water; easily overwintered indoors as a house plant; Zone 8

Juncus effuses ‘Spiralis’ (Corkscrew Rush) spiraling dark green foliage, to 12 inches; likes moisture; good in bog areas or standing in up to 5 inches of water; sun to part shade; Zone 4

Iris ensata 'Variegata' (Japanese Iris) dark purple flowers in late spring on showy, variegated foliage; likes acidic, moist soil; sun to part shade; 30-36 inches; Zone 4

Iris pseudacorus (Yellow Flag) vigorous grower with bright yellow flowers; plant in up to 6 inches of water; grows up to 6 feet tall; Zone 3 (in sunny - medium)

Iris versicolor (Blue Flag Iris) early blooming, medium blue iris, standing 24 inches tall; plant in 0-4 inches of water in full sun; Zone 3

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Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower) an excellent border plant for moist locations; brilliant red flower spikes in late summer; a real hummingbird magnet; sun to part shade; 24-48 inches; Zone 3

Lobelia cardinalis 'Purple' (Cardinal Flower) an excellent border plant for moist locations; deep purple flower spikes in late summer; attracts butterflies and hummingbirds; sun to part shade; 30 inches; Zone 2 (in shade section)

Lythrum salicaria (Variegated Sweetflag) low growing, creeping plants with little blue flowers in late spring-early summer; 6 inches tall; shallow water; Zone 5

Myosotis palustris (Forget-Me-Not) bright green foliage and blue flowers; sun or shade; shallow water or bog; Zone 5 (in shade ground covers)

Myosotis scirpoides (Forget-Me-Nots) low-growing, creeping plants with little blue flowers in late spring-early summer; 6 inches tall; a hardy perennial that has large, waxy, gray-green leaves that lay flat; flowers all summer; full sun; 16-20 inches tall; Zone 4

Oenanthe javanica 'Flamingo' (Variegated Water Celery) variegated foliage with a pink tinge, 6-8 inches tall; sun to part shade; 1-4 inches of water; Zone 5

Podestaria cordata (Pickerel) glossy, erect leaves stand 18-24 inches tall, topped by soft blue flower spikes; sun to part shade; 2-18 inches of water; Zone 4

Rumex sanguineus (Bloody Dock) lance shaped leaves have dark blood-red veins on green fronds; provides excellent texture; sun to part shade; 12 inches tall; Zone 5

Scirpus lacustris subs. tabernaemontani 'zebrinus' (Zebra Rush) tall rush to 3 feet with horizontal, creamy bands; sun to part shade; 1-6 inches of water; Zone 4

Typha minima (Dwarf Cattail) suitable even for small ponds or tubs, growing only 12-18 inches tall, topped by short, round catkins; sun to part shade; shallow water; Zone 3

**TROPICAL MARGINAL PLANTS**

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* Colocasia esculenta 'Jack's Giant' (Elephant Ear) add a dramatic tropical look to your pond or garden with this giant; huge glossy green foliage grows to 7 feet tall; prefers full sun but will tolerate partial shade; Zone 7 9.99

Cyperus alternifolius 'Gracillia' (Dwarf Umbrella Plant) graceful and slender plants with umbrella-like whorls of green foliage atop stems 2-3' tall; grow in 0-6 inches of water; winter indoors; Zone 9 9.99

Cyperus haspan 'Viviparous' (Dwarf Papyrus) unique ball type flowers on triangular stems; planting depth 1-6 inches; full sun; 16-24 inches; Zone 9 9.99

Cyperus papyrus percamenthus (Giant Dwarf Papyrus) large tufts top the foliage of this tropical plant; 18-20 inches; full to partial sun; Zone 9 9.99

Ruella brittoniana 'Chi Chi' (Dwarf Bluebells) dark green foliage and pink petunia type flowers all summer on a plant 24-36 inches tall; full sun to part shade; Zone 8 9.99

Zantedeschia aethiopica graceful large white Calla flowers cover the plant all summer; gorgeous glossy green foliage; 18 inches; Zone 7 9.99

**HARDY WATER LILIES**

Hardy - 'Albida' (Hardy Water Lily) fragrant white flowers with yellow stamens bloom mid to late summer; bronzed foliage when young; Zone 4 39.99

Hardy - 'Almost Black' (Hardy Water Lily) deep, dark, true red flowers; good grower 39.99

Hardy - 'Attraction' (Hardy Water Lily) medium large sized plant; largest of red hardy lilies; rich garnet blossoms are cup-shaped, then star-like; free bloomer 39.99

Hardy - 'Chromatella' (Hardy Water Lily) medium sized plant; very free flowering, with small, soft yellow cup-shaped blossoms; green mottled leaves; tolerates partial shade; good in any size pond 39.99

Hardy - 'Fire Opal' (Hardy Water Lily) rich pink double flowers; large grower 39.99

Hardy - 'Joey Tomocik' (Hardy Water Lily) medium size; a great bloomer with rich lemon-yellow blossoms; softly mottled foliage 39.99

Hardy - 'Madame Wilfron Gonnere' (Hardy Water Lily) double-pedaled rich pink flowers with deep pink centers; planting depth 12-24 inches; full sun; Zone 3 39.99

**LOTUS**

Nelumbo Dark Pink (Hardy Lotus) a dark pink lotus; peony-like flowers; grows 2-3 feet tall; drop to bottom of pond for the winter 49.99

**FLOATING PLANTS**

Eichornia crassipes (Water Hyacinth) bulbous shaped leaves float on the water to provide shade and natural filtration for the pond; lovely purple flowers until frost; prefers full sun 3.99

Limnobium spongia (Frogbit) green heart-shaped leaves resemble mini water lilies; great for surface coverage and algae elimination; sun or shade 3.99

Pistia stratiodes (Water Lettuce) a.k.a. Shell flower; floating rosettes multiply quickly to provide shade and natural filtration for your pond; prefers light shade 3.99

**OXYGENATORS**

Hippuris vulgaris (Mair's Tail) perfect spikes that stand erect out of the water, 8-12 inches tall; submerge completely, and drop to deeper water when established; Zone 4 9.99

Myriophyllum brasiliensis (Red Stemed Parrot's Feather) feathery foliage floats on top of water; submerge completely, then drop to 18 inches of water when established; Zone 5 9.99

**AQUA BASKETS**

Aqua Basket 20" Canna Each 20 inch kidney basket contains a Canna with 3-5 secondary plants; use with our hooks to fit into a pot for the patio; could also be used for ponds 49.99

Aqua Basket 20" Elephant Ear Each 20 inch kidney basket contains an Elephant Ear with 3-5 secondary plants; use with our hooks to fit into a pot for the patio; could also be used for ponds 49.99

Aqua Basket 8" Cyperus Each 8 inch square basket contains a Cyperus with 2-3 secondary plants; use with our hooks to fit into a pot for the patio; could also be used for ponds 29.99

Aqua Basket 8" Juncus 'Spiralis' Each 8 inch square basket contains a Juncus 'Spiralis' with 2-3 secondary plants; use with our hooks to fit into a pot for the patio; could also be used for ponds 29.99