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# Wet and dry soil plants

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## Plants for wet soils in winter and dry soils in summer

The list includes the plants that are most reported as being tolerant. Others may be as tolerant, but less widely grown.



Cultivars have been chosen for their RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM) status where possible. Otherwise, good cultivars that are widely available have been chosen.

### Trees

*Acer campestre*  
*Acer negundo*  
*Acer rubrum* 'October Glory' AGM  
*Alnus glutinosa*  
*Amelanchier* 'Robin Hill'  
*Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii* 'Grayswood Ghost' AGM  
*Betula pendula* 'Youngii'  
*Carpinus betulus* AGM  
*Cornus alternifolia* 'Argentea' AGM  
*Crataegus laevigata* 'Paul's Scarlet' AGM  
*Liquidambar styraciflua* (inc. 'Lane Roberts' AGM and 'Worplesdon' AGM)  
*Magnolia grandiflora* 'Kay Parris' AGM  
*Malus* 'Adirondak' AGM  
*Nyssa sinensis*  
*Nyssa sylvatica* 'Wisley Bonfire' AGM  
*Quercus coccinea* 'Splendens' AGM  
*Quercus petraea*  
*Salix purpurea* 'Pendula' AGM  
*Taxodium distichum*

### Herbaceous perennials

*Actaea simplex* 'Brunette' AGM  
*Agapanthus* 'Northern Star' PBR  
*Ajuga reptans* 'Catlin's Giant' AGM  
*Alchemilla mollis* AGM  
*Anemone japonica hupehensis* var. *japonica* 'Pamina' AGM  
*Aquilegia vulgaris*  
*Aster peduncularis*  
*Astrantia* 'Roma' AGM  
*Astrantia* 'Lars'  
*Astrantia major* 'Alba'  
*Astrantia* 'Ruby Wedding'  
*Crinum x powellii*  
*Darmera peltata* AGM  
*Erigeron karvinskianus* AGM

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*Eupatorium maculatum* (Atropurpureum Group) 'Purple Bush' AGM  
*Euphorbia characias* subsp. *wulfenii* AGM  
*Euphorbia donii*  
*Euphorbia mellifera* AGM  
*Euphorbia* x *pasteurii* 'John Phillips'  
*Francoa sonchifolia*  
*Geranium phaeum*  
*Geranium* x *oxonianum* 'Wargrave Pink',  
*Geranium pratense*  
*Geranium* Rozanne = 'Gerwat' AGM  
*Geum* 'Coppertone'  
*Geum avens* 'Borisii'  
*Geum avens* 'Lady Stratheden' AGM  
*Geum avens* 'Mrs Bradshaw' AGM  
*Helleborus* x *hybrdus*  
*Hemerocallis* 'Burning Daylight' AGM  
*Hesperantha coccinea* 'Major' AGM  
*Heuchera* 'Can Can' AGM  
*Hosta* (Tardiana Group) 'Halcyon' AGM  
*Iris pseudocorus*  
*Iris sibirica* 'Tropic Night' AGM  
*Iris unguicularis*  
*Knautia macedonica*  
*Lysimachia clethroides* AGM  
*Lysimachia punctata*  
*Lythrum salicaria* 'Robert'  
*Origanum vulgare*  
*Papaver orientalis* 'Beauty of Livermere'  
*Persicaria affinis* 'Darjeeling Red' AGM  
*Persicaria* 'Taurus'  
*Persicaria runcinata* 'Purple Fantasy'  
*Phlox paniculata* 'White Admiral'  
*Polygonatum hookeri*  
*Polygonatum biflorum*  
*Primula vulgaris*  
*Rodgersia aesculifolia* AGM  
*Sanguisorba officinalis*  
*Sedum* 'Vera Jameson'  
*Stachys byzantinus* 'Silver Carpet'  
*Thalictrum delavayi* AGM  
*Verbena bonariensis* AGM

### **Bulbs and corms**

*Camassia leichtlinii* subsp. *suksdorfii* Caerulea Group  
*Cyclamen hederifolium* AGM  
*Fritilaria meleagris* AGM

### **Grasses**

*Calamagrostis acutifolia* 'Overdam'  
*Calamagrostis brachytricha* AGM  
*Carex pendula*  
*Carex oshimensis* 'Evergold' AGM  
*Hakonochloa macra* AGM  
*Miscanthus sinensis* 'Kleine Fontaine' AGM  
*Stipa gigantea* AGM

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## Annuals and biennials



*Borago officinalis* (successful because of self-seeding)  
*Digitalis purpurea*  
*Digitalis purpurea* f. *albiflora*  
*Myosotis sylvatica* (successful because of self-seeding)

## Ferns

*Asplenium scolopendrium* AGM  
*Polystichum setiferum* AGM

## Shrubs

*Andromeda polifolia* 'Compacta' AGM  
*Berberis thunbergii* f. *atropurpurea* 'Rose Glow' AGM  
*Buddleja x weyeriana* 'Sungold' AGM  
*Callistemon citrinus* 'Splendens' AGM (mild areas only)  
*Choisya ternata* AGM  
*Cornus alba* 'Sibirica' AGM  
*Corylus avellana* 'Contorta' AGM  
*Cotinus* 'Grace'  
*Cotinus* 'Royal Purple' AGM  
*Cotoneaster* 'Cornubia' AGM  
*Escallonia rubra* 'Crimson Spire' AGM  
*Euonymus europeaus* 'Red Cascade'  
*Euonymus japonicus ovatus* 'Aurea' AGM  
*Fuchsia* 'Riccartonii' AGM  
*Fuchsia magellanica* AGM  
*Fuchsia genii* AGM  
*Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle' AGM  
*Hydrangea aspera* Villosa Group  
*Ligustrum japonicum* 'Rotundifolium'  
*Magnolia x soulangiana* 'Brozzonii' AGM  
*Magnolia delavayi*  
*Magnolia* 'Elizabeth' AGM  
*Magnolia x loebneri* 'Leonard Messel' AGM  
*Magnolia grandiflora* 'Exmouth'  
*Osmanthus delavayi* AGM  
*Osmanthus x burkwoodii* AGM  
*Physocarpus opulifolius* 'Lady in Red' AGM  
*Rhododendron* (Loderi Group) 'Loderi King George' AGM  
*Rhododendron yakushimanum* 'Koichiro Wada' AGM  
*Rosa* 'Wedding Day'  
*Rosa brunonii*  
*Rosa rugosa* 'Roseaie de L'Hay' AGM  
*Rosa canina*  
*Rosa* 'The Queen Elizabeth'  
*Rosa* 'Flower Carpet Amber' AGM  
*Sambucus nigra* f. *porphyrophylla* 'Eva' (PBR) AGM  
*Viburnum x bodnantense* 'Dawn' AGM  
*Viburnum x hilleri* 'Winton' AGM  
*Viburnum sargentii* 'Onondaga' AGM  
*Viburnum opulus* 'Roseum' AGM  
*Viburnum opulus* 'Xanthophyllum' AGM  
*Viburnum plicatum* f. *tomentosum* 'Mariesii' AGM  
*Viburnum rhytidophyllum*  
*Viburnum tinus* 'Eve Price' AGM

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**Climbers**



*Clematis viticella* 'Polish Spirit' AGM (once established)

**Fruit**

Apples

Blackcurrants

Pears

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