

Fact Sheet

Water Plants No. 1

A water feature would not be complete without the addition of ornamental marginal plants -plants that bring interest either through their flowers or attractive foliage. The marginal aquatics are also well suited for bog gardens and can be used for wet or damp areas where the majority of other plants fail to survive.

The marginal water plants we stock include:

Restio tetraphyllus **'Tassel Rush'**

Native to Tasmania, Restio is an outstanding plant with delicate, finely divided branchlets giving a plume like appearance. Growing to 60 – 120cm, the Restio can be grown in a container slightly submerged in a pond, or as a feature in a bog garden. Underutilised in landscaping this plant is often used in florists displays.

Evergreen, it requires full sun or part shade.

Good plant for adding height and delicate texture to a water feature.

Height: 60-120cm

Spread: 45cm

Water Depth: to 15cm

Alisma plantago – Aquatica **'Water Plantain'**

An erect, emergent perennial, with rosettes of broad oval leaves held above the water surface. Flowers occur on tall branched spikes in summer, are pale pink to white and resemble Gypsophila.

Hardy, semi-evergreen, to fully herbaceous it will grow to a height of approximately 75cm and can be grown in water to about 30cm deep.

Australian native.

Height: 75 –100cm

Spread: 45cm

Water Depth: to 30cm



Pontederia cordata
'Pickerel Rush'

An attractive marginal water plant bearing heart shaped, lush green leaves that reach a height of 60-75cm.

Intense blue flower spikes are produced during summer. Frost hardy and semi to fully herbaceous this is an easily grown plant that prefers full sun.

A good plant for the margins of a pond, or grown as a semi-submerged plant (up to 13cm of water). Good as an ornamental, but will also provide some shade on the water surface.

Height: to 75cm
Spread: 45cm
Water Depth: 13cm

Cyperus papyrus
'Paper Reed—Papyrus'

A delicate, yet robust marginal water plant or sedge, producing long sturdy leafless stems that in summer carry huge umbels of spikelets bearing tiny brown flowers.

Can reach heights of 1.5m to 3m, and is best grown in a pot in the pond if the spread needs to be restricted. Evergreen and preferring full sun, success with this plant may be limited in areas prone to constant frost. A good plant for its ornamental value.

Height: to 3m
Spread: 1m
Water Depth: to 25cm

**Cyperus papyrus 'Nana'**
'Dwarf Papyrus'

A miniature version of the normal robust Papyrus with small umbels on short green stems. Evergreen and preferring to be grown in the pond margins or in a pot in a pond.

**'Loosetrife'**
Lythrum salicaria

An erect perennial bearing slender spikes of purple or bright pink-mauve flowers in late spring and summer. Forming clumps, old canes need to be cut back at the end of summer.

Deciduous, very hardy, and requiring full sun for good flowering. A good ornamental plant for a bog garden, or for a pot in a pond. Australian native.

Height: 90cm *Water Depth:* to 5cm

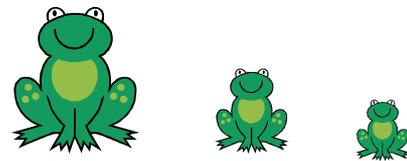
Zantedeschia aethiopica
'Arum Lily'

An attractive marginal plant that has lush green foliage and eye catching white flower spathes that have a yellow central spike. The trumpet flowers are produced on long stalks from late winter through spring and into summer.

Liking boggy soil, Arums are easy to grow and they can contrast well with the finer foliage of rushes. Evergreen to fully herbaceous they should be lifted if they do die down.

Hardy, preferring full sun to part shade, Arums do best in permanently moist or boggy soil. Flowers are good for cutting.

Height: 45-100cm
Spread: 45-60cm
Water depth: to 25cm



Dwarf Arum Lily

A smaller, compact version of the usual white Arum that will grow in the same conditions.

'Green Goddess'

A variety of the usual pure white Arum that produces white flowers that have splashes of green. Good for cut flower arrangements.

Cyperus alternifolius
'Umbrella Grass'

Like other Cyperus species, the 'Umbrella Grass' is useful for its ornamental value. Evergreen, it produces straight stems topped with lush 'grassy' leaves that are arranged like spokes of a wheel. In the centre of the leaves a long lasting inflorescence head of yellowish spikelets is produced during summer.

Although taking full sun, the foliage colour can be richer when grown in shady spots. Prefers a sheltered position free from harsh frosts and thrives in a moisture retentive soil.

Height: 60-100cm
Water Depth: to 10cm

Salvia uliginosa Bog Sage

An eye-catching small shrub. Bright blue flowers cover this hardy plant in Summer and Autumn. Evergreen perennial preferring full sun or part shade. Bog Sage benefits from being cut back quite hard after flowering and can be grown in water or in boggy, damp soil.

Height: 1.5m
Water Depth: 5 cm

Alocasia amazonica “Amazon Queen”

An attractive perennial, that gives a lush, tropical effect to the pond. Large metallic purple/green leaves are held above darker stems. Yellow arum-like flowers appear in late Summer.

Can grow to 2m tall but tends to remain smaller in a pot and in colder areas. Will grow in a pond or wet areas of the garden.

Height: 2m
Water Depth: Keep stems above water surface.

**Oenanthe javanica var Pink Flamingo
Rainbow Parsley**

A pretty perennial that will spread across the pond. Foliage is variegated with a pink tinge, and provides a nice colour contrast with green foliage. Will grow in the pond or in damp areas in the garden.

Height: 30cm
Water Depth: to 10cm

Water Irises

A stunning group of plants that will grow in shallow water or soil that is often boggy. The main Iris varieties that are suited to these areas are the Louisiana hybrids and the Japanese Flag. All have gorgeous flowers and attractive green foliage and prefer full sun.

**‘Variegated Sweet Flag’
Acorus gramineus variegatus**

Native to Japan, acorus is a small growing grass like plant. Clump forming with soft, slender foliage that is sweetly scented.

Hardy evergreen, acorus thrives in boggy soil or in shallow water at the ponds edge. Full sun and frost hardy.

Height: 30cm
Spread: 40cm
Water Depth: to 15cm

