Recommended Native Plants

These are the top twenty native Michigan plants used successfully in Washtenaw County. The first two rows should be planted on the sides of your rain garden, where it is the driest. The bottom three rows should be planted on the bottom of your rain garden, where it is the wettest.

**New England aster** *Aster novae-angliae*  
Blooms: September - October

**Canada anemone** *Anemone canadensis*  
Blooms: May - June

**Wild geranium** *Geranium maculatum*  
Blooms: May - June

**Goldstrum black-eyed susan** *Rudbeckia fulgida*  
Blooms: July - September

**Ninebark** *Physocarpus opulifolius*  
Blooms: May - July

**Redbud** *Cercis canadensis*  
Blooms: May

**Wild strawberry** *Fragaria virginiana*  
Blooms: May - June

**Kobold blazing star** *Liatris spicata*  
Blooms: July

**Purple coneflower** *Echinacea purpurea*  
Blooms: July - August

**Switch grass** *Panicum virgatum*  
Blooms: September - October

**Nodding wild onion** *Allium cernuum*  
Blooms: May

**Ostrich fern** *Nephrolepis struthiopteris*  
Blooms: May - June

**Goldfinger potentilla** *Potentilla fruticosa*  
Blooms: June - July

**Fox sedge** *Carex vulpinoidea*  
Blooms: May - June

**Red-osier dogwood** *Geranium maculatum*  
Blooms: August - September

**Rose Mallow** *Hibiscus moscheutos*  
Blooms: July - September

**Pink turtlehead** *Chelone lyonii*  
Blooms: August - September

**Sensitive fern** *Onoclea sensibilis*  
Blooms: July - September

**Blue lobelia** *Lobelia siphilitica*  
Blooms: May - June

**Blue flag iris** *Iris virginica*  
Blooms: May - June

**Legend**  
- ☀ full sun  
- ☁ part sun  
- ☀ aggressive spreader