

Switch Grass
Panicum virgatum

Height: 5'
Soil: Dry to Moist
Light: Sun to Partial Shade

A perennial, warm-season grass that forms large clumps with airy seeds. Can be grown in a large range of soils.



Little Bluestem
Schizachyrium scoparium

Height: 3'
Soil: Dry
Light: Sun



A warm-season grass that will turn pinkish-gold in fall with silvery seed heads. Bunch grasses provide habitat for nesting pollinators.



Trees

Chokecherry
Prunus virginiana

Height: 12-25'
Soil: Dry to Moist
Light: Sun

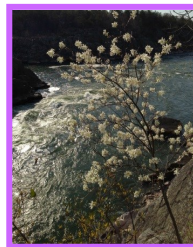
If you are looking for smaller trees that allow you to view more of the lake, the Chokecherry is exceptional.



Serviceberry
Amelanchier

Height: 15-25'
Soil: Dry to Moist
Light: Sun

The Serviceberry produces berries in June which provide an early food source for many wildlife species.



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Top Plants for Lakeside Landscaping

Create your own lakeside landscape with some of Northern Wisconsin's most attractive and ecologically friendly plant species. Planting native vegetation along shorelines improves water quality, plant diversity, aesthetics and much more! From brilliant flowers to slow rolling grasses, discover which of these top plants are most appealing for your lakeside landscape!



Before



After

Shrubs

Sweet Flag *Acorus americanus*

Height: 2'
Soil: Wet
Light: Sun
Blooms: June—July

Naturally occurring in Wisconsin wetlands, Sweet flag provides shoreline stabilization where present. A sweet smell is emitted from its leaves, especially when crushed.



Sweet Fern *Comptonia peregrina*

Height: 2'
Soil: Moist to Wet
Light: Sun to Partial Shade

Thrives in open areas with sandy soils. The Sweet fern is great for erosion control and fixes nitrogen in the soil as well.



Redosier Dogwood *Cornus sericea*

Height: 4-10'
Soil: Moist to Wet
Light: Sun
Blooms: June—July

Known for stream bank protection, erosion control, and wildlife value, the Redosier dogwood is a great all-around bush to have in a shoreline landscape design.



Bush Honeysuckle *Diervilla lonicera*

Height: 1-4'
Soil: Dry to Moist
Light: Sun to Shade
Blooms: June-July

Found throughout the state of Wisconsin, this plant is excellent for erosion control and grows well on slopes. It is also a favorite of hummingbirds!



Northern Bayberry *Myrica gale*

Height: 5-6'
Soil: Wet
Light: Partial Shade to Sun
Blooms: July

Typically found in northern Wisconsin. The leaves are sweetly scented and are known as a natural insect repellent.



Barren Strawberry *Waldsteinia ternata*

Height: 6"
Soil: Moist to Wet
Light: Sun
Blooms: June

Good groundcover for dry to moist woods. Also good for slowing erosion on sloped areas.



Ferns and Grasses

Sensitive Fern *Onoclea sensibilis*

Height: 15"
Soil: Moist
Light: Sun to Shade

Highly adaptable spreading fern. Dark brown fruiting body prominent in the fall.



Interrupted Fern *Osmunda claytonia*

Height: 3-4'
Soil: Moist to Wet
Light: Partial Shade to Shade

Large fern that tolerates standing water. Fertile frond interrupted by spores.



Big Bluestem *Andropogon gerardii*

Height: 6'
Soil: Moist to Dry
Light: Sun

Warm season bunchgrass useful for stopping wind erosion. Strong and deep root systems with stems turning blue or purple.



Bottlebrush Grass *Elymus hystrix/Hystrix patula*

Height: 5'
Soil: Wet
Light: Sun to Partial Shade

A cool season grass with long, stiff, widely spaced bristles on the seed head. Grows during spring and fall when soil is cooler.



Wild Bergamot
Monarda fistulosa

Height: 3-4'
Soil: Moist to Wet
Light: Sun
Blooms: July



Wild bergamot, also known as bee balm, is a favorite for bees and other pollinators. It is also adaptable to most soil conditions and has a unique purple flower.



Solomon's Seal
Polygonatum biflorum

Height: 1-3'
Soil: Moist to Dry
Light: Partial Shade to Shade
Blooms: June

This plant has small greenish bells on the bottom side of large leaves producing blue-black berries in the fall.



Black Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia hirta

Height: 15"
Soil: Moist to Wet
Light: Sun
Blooms: July—August

A self-sowing annual or biennial with large yellow flowers that bloom in August. Good hardy plant, useful for shoreline erosion and run-off control.



Showy Goldenrod
Solidago speciosa

Height: 1-3'
Soil: Dry
Light: Sun
Blooms: August

The Showy goldenrod is great for well-drained soils. Many species of goldenrods are well suited for shoreline landscaping. Other species include: *Solidago canadensis*, *Solidago flexicaulis*, *Solidago nemoralis*.



Blue Vervain
Verbena hastata

Height: 5'
Soil: Wet
Light: Sun
Blooms: August



Self-sowing biennial with slender, blue, flower spikes. Naturally occurring on shorelines throughout the state. Another favorite for butterflies and other pollinators.



Smooth Rose
Rosa blanda

Height: 1-4'
Soil: Dry to Moist
Light: Sun
Blooms: June—July

Typically blooms 1-4 flowers after maturity. The Smooth rose also produces bright red berries.



Meadowsweet
Spirea alba

Height: 3-5'
Soil: Moist to Wet
Light: Sun
Blooms: July

The fragrant Meadowsweet is a good shoreline stabilizer with showy white flowers. Its roots are also a source of aspirin.



Downy Arrowwood Viburnum
Viburnum Rafinesquianum

Height: 3-6'
Soil: Dry
Light: Partial Shade to Shade
Blooms: June

Produces white flower clusters with blue berries and beautiful fall colors. Enjoys drier soils and has many uses for wildlife.



Highbush Cranberry
Viburnum trilobum

Height: 3-6'
Soil: Moist
Light: Sun
Blooms: July

Displays brilliant fall colors ranging from red to yellow. A hardy plant, tolerating many habitats, makes the Highbush cranberry an easier-to-grow native shrub.



Ground Cover Plants

Pearly Everlasting
Anaphalis margaritacea

Height: 8-12"
Soil: Dry
Light: Sun
Blooms: August

Member of the Aster family. Host plant for the American Painted Lady butterfly caterpillar.



Howell's Pussytoes
Antennaria howellii

Height: 4-10"
Soil: Dry
Light: Sun
Blooms: July

Name originates from the flower's resemblance to a cat paw. Forms small mat-like clusters.



Wild Columbine
Aquilegia canadensis

Height: 2'
Soil: Moist to Dry
Light: Partial Shade
Blooms: June

Popular nectar source for hummingbirds. Its long red-orange, bell-like flowers makes the Wild columbine very recognizable.



Wild Sarsaparilla
Aralia nudicaulis

Height: 1-1.5'
Soil: Moist to Dry
Light: Partial Shade to Shade
Blooms: June

A good, woodland, ground cover plant that produces berries enjoyed by wildlife. Can tolerate slightly acidic soils.



New England Aster
Aster novae-angliae

Height: 2-4'
Soil: Moist to Dry
Light: Sun
Blooms: August

Popular for its showy purple flowers, long blooming time, and preference by monarch butterflies. Other great asters include: *Eurybia macrophylla*, *Aster asureus*, *Aster divaricata*, *Aster ericoides*, and *Aster laevis*.



Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea

Height: 3-4'
Soil: Dry to Moist
Light: Sun
Blooms: July

Many pollinators are attracted to its purple showy flowers, while its seeds are a great food source for the American goldfinch during the fall.



Fireweed
Epilobium angustifolium

Height: 3-4'
Soil: Dry to Wet
Light: Partial Shade to Sun
Blooms: July—August

The Fireweed got its name for its ability to grow soon after a fire disturbance. Its tall flower spike is a popular source of nectar for many species of butterflies.



Wild Strawberry
Fragaria virginiana

Height: 6"
Soil: Dry to Moist
Light: Partial Shade to Sun
Blooms: June

Known for its tasty fruit, the Wild strawberry excels in providing groundcover on dry sunny areas.



American Wintergreen
Gaultheria procumbens

Height: 2-6"
Soil: Moist
Light: Partial Shade to Shade
Blooms: April—May

Wintergreen is a small perennial that develops edible leaves and pleasant smelling flowers. The leaves remain green through winter.



Hairy Sunflower
Helianthus hirsutus

Height: 2-4'
Soil: Dry to Moist
Light: Sun
Blooms: August—September

The Hairy sunflower produces seeds that are enjoyed by many bird species. Its rhizomes are eaten by small mammals as well.



Blue Flag Iris
Iris versicolor

Height: 2'
Soil: Moist to Wet
Light: Sun
Blooms: June

Blue flag iris has brilliant blue-violet flowers and can tolerate shallow water.

