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<i>Acorus calamus</i>	Sweet Flag		Glossy green blades are sweet-scented when broken. Leaves sway gracefully in the breeze.	4	2-3'	0-15"	N/A	Food & cover – muskrat & wildfowl.	Upright, spreading.	Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed		Pink flowers attract butterflies. Seed pods are unique and unusual.	5	3-4'	0-2"	August	Food & host – Monarch butterflies.	Upright, showy.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	Fox Sedge		Narrow weeping green foliage forms dense uniform clumps.	5	2'	0-2"	N/A	Food – various birds including songbirds	Clump forming.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Button Bush		Attractive glossy foliage on reddish-brown branches. White buttonlike flowers give way to interesting round seed heads.	4	6-8'	0-6"	May, June	Food – various birds including songbirds and small mammals. Food & host for various butterflies & moths.	Shrub.	Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	Swamp Loosestrife		A woody perennial native to Eastern U.S. Arching branches hold purplish pink blooms. Brilliant Fall foliage.	3	3-4'	0-6"	July, August		Mounding, shrublike.	Roots freely in the water.
<i>Dulichium arundinaceum</i>	Dwarf Bamboo		Compact bamboo-like foliage. Excellent for foreground or border planting. Not a true bamboo.	6	18"	0-4"	July, August	Food – muskrat & wildfowl.	Dense, spreading.	Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Hibiscus moschuetos</i>	Swamp Hibiscus		Bold colorful flowers in pink, white or red add excellent late summer color.	6	4'	0-4"	July, August	Food – humming-birds.	Upright, showy.	Woody perennial. Won't spread into deep water.

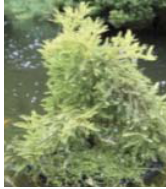

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<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag Iris		Delicate violet blossoms rise gracefully above swordlike foliage. Small stature.	4	2'	0-6"	April, May	Food – birds, muskrat & wildfowl.	Clump forming.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Justicia americana</i>	Water Willow		White flowers are decorated with purple and resemble miniature orchid blossoms. Foliage resembles the narrow leaves of a willow.	4	12-18"	0-12"	July, August	Spawning area.	Low, spreading.	Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Kosteletzkya virginica</i>	Seashore Mallow		Soft pink flowers are produced continually during the summer months. Leaves are velvety and downy.	5	6-9'	0-6"	July, August, September		Upright, showy.	Woody perennial. Can handle brackish water. Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Menyanthes trifolia</i>	Bog Bean		Pink buds open to delicate fringed white flowers above soft green trifoliate leaves.	3	8"	0-8"	April	Spawning area.	Low, slow spreading.	Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Mimulus ringens</i>	Lavender Musk		Lavender flowers nestled among soft green foliage. Long bloomer.	3	2'	0-6"	July, August		Upright.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Nymphaea</i> (cultivars)	Waterlily		Almost always the focal point of the pond with extraordinary blossoms. Foliage contrasts beautifully with the water's surface.	3	6"	18-24"	May, June, July, August, September	Food – mammals & wildfowl.	Clump forming.	Non-seeding cultivars are recommended.
<i>Orontium aquaticum</i>	Golden Club		Unique white and gold flowers held high above waxy-green foliage. Easy to grow, consistent and uniform.	6	1-2'	0-10"	April, May		Clump forming.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water. Tolerates some shade.

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<i>Peltandra virginica</i>	Arrow Arum		An attractive plant with dark green glossy arrowhead-shaped foliage. Easy to grow, consistent and uniform.	5	2-3'	0-12"	N/A	Food – seeds, waterfowl & various birds.	Clump forming.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water. Tolerates some shade and anoxic conditions.
<i>Phyla lanceolata</i>	Frog Fruit		Delicate pink and white flowers float above deep green serrated-edged foliage.	5	2-6"	0-4"	July, August, September	Spawning area.	Dense, spreading.	Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickerel Rush		Slick, broad dark green foliage. Bright lavender flowers. Easy to grow and long blooming.	3	2-3'	0-8"	June, July, August, September	Food – muskrat & wildfowl.	Clump forming.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>	Arrowhead		Strong, wide arrowhead-shaped foliage. Delicate white flowers with bright yellow centers.	4	2'	0-6"	July, August	Food – muskrat & wildfowl.	Upright, spreading.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water. Tolerates anoxic conditions.
<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	Lizard Tail		Delicate cream-colored blossoms give way to an unusual seed formation hence the name Lizard Tail. Triangular green foliage.	4	1-3'	0-6"	July	Food – wildfowl.	Upright, spreading.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water. Tolerates some shade and anoxic conditions.
<i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	Seaside Goldenrod		Bold golden yellow flowers stand atop rigid, lightly leaved stems. Foliage more dense at the base.	4	3-8'	0"	August, September, October		Upright, showy.	Seeds germinate in moist soil. Won't spread into deep water.

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<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress		Deciduous needle tree known to grow "knees" when planted below water level. Accepts severe pruning for limited area.	4	80-100'	0-10"	N/A	Food & nesting – various birds.	Tree.	Won't spread into deep water.
<i>Thalia dealbata</i>	Water Canna		Bold dramatic foliage. Rich purple flowers on tall narrow spikes are held high above the foliage and sway gracefully in the breeze.	7	6-8'	0-12"	July, August, September		Upright, clump forming.	Won't spread into deep water.