

Milaeger's

WATER PLANTS PRICE GUIDE 2015

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WATER PLANTS

ACORUS

(Sweet Flag)

calamus 'Variegatus' ☀️🌑 36"H water: moist to 8"
Sweet Flag gets its name from the oil, calamus, that is found in all parts of this plant. This oil has long been used in perfumes and potpourri and it gives this plant a lovely, sweet tangerine scent. Its leaves are strikingly beautiful, sword-shaped bright green 1" wide leaf blades striped with creamy tan and dark green. Tiny greenish flowers appear just below the leaf tips, which then give way to small berries. Native to bogs, marshes and shallow ponds, this plant will grow in shallow water. It also works great in baskets, water gardens and along a pond's edge. It is an especially stunning sight to see when backlit by a sunrise or sunset. Deer resistant. **Hardy.**

3½ pot \$6.99

ASCLEPIAS

(Butterfly Weed/Milkweed)

incarnata 'Soulmate' ☀️ 24-36"H water: moist to 2"
An upright plant with branching stems that produce clusters of fragrant, showy deep rose-pink flowers and narrow, lance-shaped leaves 3-6" long. Blooms from July to August. The flowers are then followed by seed pods that split open when ripe to release silky-sailed seeds that are carried on the wind. When cut, the stems also have a milky sap found inside them. Not only are butterflies attracted to this plant's nectar, but it is an important food source for the larval stage of Monarch Butterflies. Best used on pond banks, edges, low spots or moist areas in the landscape. **Hardy.**

3½ pot \$6.99

CALTHA

(Marsh Marigold)

palustris ☀️🌑 12-18"H water: moist to 2-4"

Also known as Kingcup or Cowslip, Caltha is a member of the Buttercup family. Its a succulent plant that grows on hollow, branching stems with glossy, green heart-shaped leaves and clusters of shiny, waxy yellow cup-shaped flowers. This plant is a very early bloomer and seeing its large, vibrant yellow flowers and bright green foliage is a sure sign of spring. Its color gives much needed life to an otherwise barren landscape as winter slowly recedes. This wet-footed little plant will feel right at home in shallow water at the edge of a pond or stream. It can also be used in water gardens or low areas that stay wet the majority of the time. **Hardy Perennial**

3½ pot \$6.99

CERATOPHYLLUM

(Hornwort)

demersum ☀️🌑 8-10" long water: oxygenator
Also known as Coontail, this fast growing plant has feathery olive-green leaves that are divided into many narrow segments and are arranged in whorls on the stem. The feathery look resembles a racoon's tail. Each of the leaves have several tiny teeth on the midribs and give the plant a crunchy feel when pulled through the hand. Tiny, green flowers can sometimes be found growing near the leaf bases. In nutrient rich water, it tends to form dense colonies either anchored in mud, rocks or free-floating just under the surface. This plant can tolerate a wide variety of aquatic conditions, including hard water and almost no light, and is widely used in water gardens as an oxygenator and algae fighter for small water features and ponds. It also makes the perfect habitat for fish to lay their eggs on or young fish, and small aquatic animals to find safety and hide in.

Tropical.

bare root \$2.99

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COLOCASIA

(Taro/Elephant's Ear)

NEW *esculenta* 'Black Magic' ☀️🌑 36-72"H water: moist to 6"

As the common name suggests, each of the huge, 2' long, heart-shaped, downward-pointed, solid black-purple leaves resemble an elephant's ear sitting atop dark red stems. The undersides of the leaves are dusted with a chalky looking bloom and have an almost grey look. It is primarily a rapid growing foliage plant but also produces calla lily-like flowers with yellowish-white spathes and spadixes. Proliferates in moist soil or as pond marginals in up to 6" of standing water. This large leafed plant gives a fantastic tropical look to gardens and water margins!

Annual.

3½ pot \$9.99

CYPERUS

(Umbrella Palm)

NEW *'albostratus'* ☀️🌑 12-24"H water: moist to 2"

This dwarf plant has bare, slender, triangular stalks that give the appearance of umbrella ribs. These stalks are topped with curving tufts of flower bracts that look like palm trees and each bright green leaf features a beautiful silvery white streaking. On top of each whorl the inflorescences emerge in a tiny starburst pattern. This superb, fine textured groundcover can be grown in a wide variety of soils, including standing water. **Annual.**

3½ pot \$9.99

EQUISETUM

hyemale ☀️🌑 24-48"H water: moist to 4"

Horse Tail Rush/Scouring Rush. A non-flowering, rush-like, vigorous growing evergreen perennial that produces branchless, hollow, bamboo-like dark green stems that are jointed and segmented. Each stem joint is marked by a whorl of tiny, scale-like leaves that are fused into a grey sheath with black bands that ring around the stems. Its stems have a large silica content and were once used by early Americans for polishing their pots and pans, hence the name Scouring Rush. This plant will tolerate a wide range of soils but is best grown in medium to wet soils in full sun to part shade. Because this plant grows in colonies and is very aggressive, consider using soil barriers to restrict its growth. In ponds or water gardens, plant in pots at the water bottom to contain

its growth. It will provide a strong vertical accent to your pond or garden landscaping and create one of the best perches for dragonflies to rest on. Deer resistant. **Hardy Perennial**

scirpoides ☀️🌑 6-8"H water: moist to 2"

Dwarf Horsetail. This plant is a miniature version of the common Horsetail, growing only 8" in height. It is non-flowering and grass-like with very thin, green reed-like stems featuring black rings at its joints. It spreads to form a very low, dense, beautifully-textured mat of groundcover. This is the perfect plant to use for covering a low, wet spot where nothing else will grow. It also grows well around small ponds or in containers and looks fantastic as a companion plant with bonsai. Deer resistant. **Hardy.**

Price for the above 2 varieties: 3½ pot \$6.99

HOUTTUYNIA

(Fishwort)

cordata 'Chameleon' ☀️🌑 6-12"H water: moist to 4"

This plant features fragrant, green heart-shaped tri-colored leaves splashed with shades of red, pink and yellow on dark red stems. It produces masses of white petal-like bracts that hold small, greenish-white flowers. In shady areas the leaves will be green and cream, but with more sun, they will put on a spectacular show of color. This plant works best as a attractive ground cover or border in moist to wet areas. Deer and rabbit resistant. **Hardy.**

3½ pot \$6.99

IRIS

NEW *louisiana* 'Bold Pretender' ☀️🌑 28-36"H water: moist to 4"

This easy to grow, vigorous water iris features gigantic alternating petals of deep watermelon red and warm salmon-orange with a narrow gold signal on each and a patterned yellow-green center with bright green foliage. Blooms early to mid summer and prefers full sun, but will also do just fine in partial shade. Does best when planted in wet to boggy soil or shallow water up to 4" deep. To get the strongest plant with the brightest colors make sure the soil is slightly acidic. This is the perfect plant to liven up your water garden with a brilliant splash of color! Attracts butterflies, bees, hummingbirds and amphibians. Deer and rabbit resistant.

Hardy.

3½ pot \$6.99

JUNCUS

(Rush)

NEW *inflexus* 'Afro' ☀️ 12-24"H water: moist to 3"

Hard Rush/Blue Medusa Rush. This compact, robust, grass-like plant grows in small culms of powdery blue, cylindrical, stem-like, tightly spiraled, corkscrew-shaped foliage. It also bears tiny, brown flowers in clusters near the tips of the stems. Makes for a fun conversation piece, as this plant grows with all its twists and turns, it looks like its had a bad hair day! Great to use as a transitional plant to waterside areas and can be grown on the wet banks of ponds or streams to help control soil erosion. Blooms Early summer to late summer. **Hardy**.

3½ pot \$9.99

LUDWIGIA

(Water Mosaic)

NEW *sedoides* ☀️ Floating

A floating leaf marginal that grows in a 3-6" wide mosaic pattern of yellow-green to coppery-red diamond-shaped leaves with submerged red stems. Its unique foliage seems to change color with the sunlight and the shimmer of water over the leaves. This plant loves light, if given an abundance, it will produce small, bright yellow primrose-looking flowers. A rapid spreader, it covers the surface of the water, providing cooling to the pond and and its wildlife below. While its a perfect fit for ponds, it will also look amazing if grown by itself in a pot with contrasting colors to really showcase its magic. Koi are attracted to and like to eat this plant so be aware if you have koi in your pond it may not be a good match.

8" pot \$17.99

MIMULUS

ringens ☀️ 24"H water: moist to 4"

Lavender Musk. Features lilac-purple, snapdragon-like flowers (to 1" long) with two-lipped, open-mouthed corollas. **Hardy**.

3½ pot \$6.99

MYOSOTIS

(Forget Me Not)

palustris ☀️ 8-10"H water: moist to 2"

Water Forget-Me-Not. Bright blue flowers bloom heavily in spring and early summer, but continue to

flower all season. Does best in part shade. Great for pond edges. **Annual**.

3½ pot \$6.99

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PONTERERIA

(Pickerel Rush)

NEW *dilatata* 'Royal Pickerel' ☀️ 3-5'H water: 0-5"

A native of the West Indies, this tall, upright plant produces a continuous bloom of dense, vibrant blue flower spikes with yellow splotches on the inside of each flower and large, bright green waxy lance-shaped leaves. Robust, hardy and easy to grow, this plant is terrific for adding vertical dimension and a hard to find blue shade to ponds and water gardens. Works well for the side of a pond and looks fantastic when grown with Sweet Flag, who's light creamy tan and green coloring really makes the bright blue of dilatata pop out. Likes full sun, but will tolerate light shade. Attracts hummingbirds, bees and butterflies.

Annual.

3½ pot \$6.99

ROOTALA

(Red Rotala)

NEW *indica* ☀️ 6"H water

Native to south-east Asia, this beautiful, spreading plant can be found growing in rice paddies and wet soil. This colorful oxygenator produces pillar-like upright shoots with densely grown small, waxy green rounded leaves and masses of dainty, fragrant purplish flower spikes. Place plant 6" or less below the water's surface, can be planted directly into pockets of gravel or in shallow trays to create a mass effect. This plant is not only attractive as a cover to hide pond liners or pots at the bottom of the pond, but will aid in keeping your pond clear by filtering out unwanted nutrients and adding oxygen to the water.

3½ pot \$6.99

RUMEX

(Bloody Dock/Bloodwort)

NEW *sanguineus* ☀️🌑 12-24"H water: moist to 2"

A decorative ornamental foliage plant with a prominently featured pattern of blood red veins on 6" wide, bright green, spinach-like leaves that grow in a low, tight clump. In early summer, spikes of small, star-shaped, flowers appear. These flowers start a pale green and will turn reddish-brown with dark brown fruits. The flowers can be removed to improve its appearance and promote a low, compact growth for the foliage, if blooms are left on, the plant will grow tall and stringy and the leaves will become rangy. Prefers full sun to light shade and moist, even sodden soil. This low maintenance, fast growing plant is perfect for use as a marginal around ponds or in a water garden. Great for use as a complement to red or blue flowers. Deer resistant.

3½ pot \$6.99

SAGITTARIA

(Aztec Arrowhead)

NEW *montevidensis* ☀️🌑 24-36"H water: 1-6"

This stout, South American aquatic plant produces thick stems with large, leathery, arrow-shaped leaves and white, three part flowers with a burgundy spot at the bottom of each petal and a dark yellow center. The flowers stand taller than the foliage and give a beautiful show, as they bloom spring to fall. This plant thrives in shallow water and wet areas of water gardens or the edges of a pond.

3½ pot \$9.99

SARRACENIA

(Purple Pitcher Plant)

NEW *purpurea* ☀️ 10-14"H moist soil

A small and squat carnivorous plant with a large lip, usually called the hood. It features an upright lid with a pair of ear-like wings on each side of the hood. Its purplish-red and the hood is beautifully veined with tree-like patterns. In spring, a single purplish-red, fragrant flower will rise on a stalk high above the leaves. The pitcher-like leaves fill up quickly during the summer and prey (flies, ants, spiders and moths) fall into them and drown in the rainwater that collects in the plant's base. Enzymes secreted by the plant help with the digestion of its prey, but much of the food breakdown is a result of bacteria build up in the water. The plant is then able to absorb

the nutrients from special cells located at the base of each pitcher. It is well suited for a variety of moist soils and prefers full sun. Plant at the edge of ponds, bog gardens or a pot that stands in a deep tray of water that will keep the soil constantly moist.

3½ pot \$9.99

THALIA

(Hardy Water Canna)

NEW *dealbata* ☀️ 48-72"H water: moist to 24"

This tall, tough as nails, plant will add a beautiful, tropical looking flavor to your water garden or pond. It produces large paddle-shaped bluish-green canna-like leaves, dusted with a fine white powder and purple edges. Its brilliant white, powdery coated, violet flowers grow in clusters at the tip of long, narrow stems rising high above the foliage. This plant also produces large seed pods that will ripen and split open towards the end of summer to reveal its seeds. Grows in wet soils, but is happiest submerged in shallow water and given full sun. Plant in containers and sink in wet mud near the water line or submerge in up to 24" of water. Its flowers are very attractive to hummingbirds, bees and butterflies, while ducks and other water fowl love to eat the large seeds that are dropped by this plant.

3½ pot \$9.99

TYPHA

(Cattail)

NEW *latifolia* ☀️🌑 5-7"H water: moist to 8"

Know as Giant Cattail, this fast growing plant features tall, upright, grey-green, strappy leaf blades that are narrow and flat with velvety brown sausage-like flower clusters and seed pods at the end of long stalks. The male flowers desintigrate after shedding their pollen, while the female flower makes the "cattail" and becomes reddish-brown as they ripen and dry. In late autumn the cattail will become so dry it will explode in the wind and release black seeds with cottony, white sails. When used in the mucky soil under the shallow water of a pond or bog, the leaves of this plant will form a fan-like clump which provide a nice shelter for the native wildlife. It also creates a wonderful calming affect as it whips and moves with the breeze, giving a beautiful, wispy texture to the shoreline. Works great as a fresh or dried cut flower in arrangements. Attracts birds, butterflies and hummingbirds. **Hardy.**

minima ☀️🌑 20-30"H water: moist to 3"
 Micro Cattail. This dwarf cattail is valued for its compact size, narrow leaves and smaller flower spikes. It grows very narrow grass-like deep green leaves and small, round, dark brown cattails only 1" long from its stalk. The male, yellow-hued flowers sit in small tufts at the top of the spike and after a time, fall away, while the female green-hued flowers stay and turn into brown "cattails" after pollination. This tiny plant grows vigorously in moist or wet soil and also in shallow standing water. Easily grown, this plant works well in small ponds, tubs, and containers. Attracts bees, butterflies and birds and its leaves provide hiding places and shelter for amphibians and small mammals. Excellent for cutting. **Hardy**.
 Price for the above 2 varieties: 3½ pot \$6.99

WATER LILY *nymphaea* (HARDY)

🌑 2-6' spread water: 12-36"
 Water lilies are considered the jewels of the pond. They have large, showy, fragrant flowers. The flat, rounded leaves float on the surface of the water. They are useful for preventing the growth of algae. Grow in undisturbed water in at least 6 hours of sun. Hardy water lilies are day bloomers. They open around 9 a.m. and close around 4 p.m. On dark, cloudy days, they may not open at all. Most grow well in water 1-4 feet deep. Keep the lily in the container and gradually move it to its permanent spot so that the leaves can adjust to the depth. For the winter, the tubers should be kept deep enough that ice will not reach them. They can also be kept indoors in a cool, dark, damp place if the pot is wrapped in plastic and the spot does not reach freezing. Divide every 3-4 years in spring. Water Lilies are heavy feeders--- slow-release fertilizer tablets work well --- push into soil when planting. Water lilies are named after the water nymph of ancient Greek mythology.

- **Alaskan** - Beautiful white 6" flowers with yellow centers and 12" smooth, rounded green leaves featuring a notch on one side that goes to the center of the leaf. Very fragrant.
- NEW** • **Charlene Strawn** - A vigorous and prolific bloomer producing a 6-8" flower of bright, lemon yellow outer petals with darker yellow centers and sit above the surface of the water on 8-9" slightly mottled, waxy dark green leaves. Very sweet fragrance.

NEW • **Fabiola** - Rich pink flushed with white towards the edges, peony-shaped flowers 6-7" wide, yellow centers and coarse, bronzy-green 8-12" leaves. Pleasant fragrance.

Price for the above 3 varieties: 8" pot \$31.99

NEW • **Tropical Dark Blue** - Day blooming, star-shaped flowers 4-6" with upright, pointed blue petals that spread flat on the surface of the water. Its leaves are dark green 6-10" across. The flowers have an alluring fragrance that is said to induce feelings of tranquility and calmness.

- **Tropical Red** - rose red

Price for the above 6 varieties: 8" pot \$38.99

WATER LOTUS *nelumbo* (HARDY)

Plant your lotus when the nights are reliably warm. Lotus are hardy, but they do not come up until the water temperature reaches 65-70 degrees F. Keep it in the pot and place the pot in a sunny spot of the pond with no more than 8" of water above the top of the pot. As the plant grows, it can slowly be moved to deeper locations. In the fall, make sure that it is in a spot where ice won't reach it. Do not cut the stems back. They will come up in June. Lotus are heavy feeders, but don't feed them until they have at least three leaves. Once established, they are almost indestructible and are arguably the most spectacular of all aquatic plants. The Chinese say, once you have seen the growing Lotus, you will never forget it.

NEW **Empress'** ☀️ 4-6'H

Large, fragrant blooms of 10-12" pure white double or single flowers with redish-pink edges and velvety, bronze-green leaves that can reach 20" across. The flowers are held high above the water on strong stems and are wonderful for use in dried arrangements. This flower is attractive to butterflies, dragonflies, hummingbirds and bees and its large leaves provide a nice resting spot for amphibians.

'Russian Red' ☀️ 3-5'H

Lightly fragrant blooms of 8-10" dark pinkish-red single flowers with bright yellow centers and lush, 12-14" water repellant leaves that stand on long stalks out of the water. To make sure to get the best color from this lotus, give it at least 6-8 hours of direct sunlight a day. This plant is attractive to butterflies, dragonflies, hummingbirds, bees and amphibians.

Price for the above 2 varieties: 16" pot \$74.99

ZANTEDESCHIA

(Calla Lily)

aethiopica ☀️ 36"H water: moist soil

Glossy arrow-shaped leaves. Blooms mid spring through mid summer with bright yellow flowers on a column, surrounded by a large, clean, bright white spathe. Prefers a moist soil in full sun. **Tropical.**

3½ pot \$9.99