



PLANTING DEPTHS FOR AQUATIC PLANTS

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Common Name	Scientific Name
Zone 1 High Water Level to Normal Water Level	
Button-weed	<i>Diodia virginiana</i>
Cordgrass	<i>Spartina bakeri</i>
Hat pins	<i>Eriocaulon spp.</i>
Lizard's-tail	<i>Saururus cernuus</i>
Maidencana	<i>Panicum hemitomon</i>
Water pennywort	<i>Hydrocotyle umbellata</i>
Yellow eyed grass	<i>Xyris spp.</i>
Cinnamon fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>
Day flower	<i>Commelina diffusa</i>
Iris	<i>Iris hexagona</i>
Swamp bay	<i>Persea palustris</i>
American elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>
Dahoon holly	<i>Ilex cassine</i>
Loblolly bay	<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>
Sweet gum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>
Wax myrtle	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>
Red bay	<i>Persea borbonia</i>
Zone 2 0-3 Inches below Normal Water Level	
Bacopa	<i>Bacopa spp.</i>
Maidencane	<i>Panicum hemitomon</i>
Red ludwigia	<i>Ludwigia repens</i>
Smartweed	<i>Polygonum hydropiperoides</i>
Softtrush	<i>Juncus effusus</i>

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Zone 3 3-12 Inches below Normal Water Level	
Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria lancifolia</i>
Bulrush	<i>Scirpus spp.</i>
Spikerush	<i>Eleocharis spp.</i>
Bald cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>
Black gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica var. biflora</i>
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>
Pond cypress	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>
Popash	<i>Fraxinus caroliniana</i>
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
Zone 4 12-24 Inches below Normal Water Level	
Spikerush	<i>Eleocharis spp.</i>
Fragrant water lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
Pickeralweed	<i>Pontederia cordata</i>
Spatardock	<i>Nuphar luteum</i>
Zone 5 24-36 Inches below Normal Water Level	
Fragrant water lily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
Spatardock	<i>Nuphar luteum</i>

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