



GLENBOG AQUATIC PLANT LIST

Plant Name	Common Name	Description	Variety	
Acorus Calamus Variegatus	Sweet flag	Variegated green and creamy iris blade-like foliage. Sweet flag tolerates shade and is frost hardy. Compact growing habit. Height: 60 to 90cms. Prefers moist soil but will tolerate up to 15cms of water above the crown. Stunning purple/blue iris-like flowers early in the season.	Marginal	Sea
Acorus Gramineus Green	Green Japanese Rush	This green version of the Acorus family has deep green foliage. It tolerates shade and is evergreen in many climates. Fantastic for keeping colour all winter. Height: up to 30cms Plant spread: Restricted by basket size Depth: moist soil to approx. 10cms (will grow in deeper water but may not do as well)	Marginal	A
Acorus Gramineus Ogon	Gold Japanese Rush	Ogon has light green foliage accented with bright yellow stripes. It tolerates shade and is evergreen in many climates. Height: up to 30cms Plant size Depth: moist soil to approx. 20cms (can grow in deeper water if required) Great plant to remove excess nutrient.	Marginal	A
Acorus Gramineus Variegatus		Light green foliage accented with white stripes. Tolerates shade and is evergreen in many climates. Variegatus is fantastic for keeping colour all winter. Height: up to 30cms - Plant spread: Restricted by basket size Depth: moist soil to approx. 20cms (can grow in deeper water if required) Good plant to remove excess nutrient.	Marginal	A
Ajuga	Filly Purple	A low growing plant with dainty purple frilly leaves and deep blue spikes that flower in spring and early summer. Prefers semi shade. Plant on pond margin or shallow area of pond. Protect from frost over the winter period. Will grow no higher than 20cm but allow for a wide spread.	Marginal	
Alocasia Nigra	Black Taro	Black Taro has leaves and petioles that are very dark green and purple. Grows in full sun, prefers part shade. Plant in moist soil or can grow up to 15cms under water. Height: 60cm to 1.8mtrs Plant spread: Dependant on basket size.	Marginal	
Alternanthera	Parrot leaf	Popular aquarium plant, this alternanthera can be grown fully submerged. Ideally suited in moist soil. Leaves are a vibrant colour of carmine splashed with orange and green. Situate in sun to part shade. Will grow up to 15cm high.	Marginal	
Alternanthera rosaefolia		A popular aquarium plant this alternanthera can be grown fully submerged. Adaptable to all areas of the pond. The leaves are green with the underside and stem a light red. Foliage must be above water to produce small white flowers. Situate in sun to part shade. Will grow up to 15cm high.	Submerged	
Alternanthera sessilis	Red Hygrophila Rubra	Popular aquarium plant this alternanthera can be grown fully submerged. Leaves and stems are a vibrant red with small red and white flowers. Foliage needs to be above water to flower. Situate in sun to part shade. Will grow up to 15cm high.	Submerged	
Aponogeton Distachyus	Water Hawthorn	Snow white flowers on a forked spike with jet-black anthers. The floating green leaves are elongated with vanilla scented flowers. The plant seeds freely. Remove flower head once spent to prevent self-seeding. Aponogeton will tolerate shade and flowers regularly throughout winter. Depth 15-60cm. Winter growing only - limited growth in summer	Aquatic Plant	W
Bacopa Caroliniana (Scrophulariaceae)	Babys' Tears	Easy growing ground cover. Can be grown completely submerged. Small tear shaped fleshy green foliage with small white/lavender flowers if grown above water. Prefers semi-shaded areas. Not freely consumed by goldfish.	Submerged	
Bacopa Lenigera (Scrophulariaceae)		Easy growing ground cover. Ideal for wet, boggy areas however can be grown completely submerged. Large rounded fleshy green foliage, thick hairy stems with small white/lavender flowers if grown above water. Prefers semi-shaded areas.	Submerged	
Baumea Articulata	Jointed Twig rush	NZ Native - Tall evergreen rush. Strong upright stems with light jointing and attractive seed heads. Prefers bog or moist areas. Will tolerate limited dry spells. Grows up to 1.8 metres tall with a spread dependant on basket size. Wind hardy.	Marginal	A
Calamagrostis acuitflora Overdam	Overdam Grass	Ornamental variegated grass with green and white foliage. Flowers with upright spikes of green, red and bronze colourations then fade to a light brown. Enjoys moist soil in part shade to full sun. This grass goes dormant in the coolest winter months.	Marginal	A
Caltha Palustris	Water Buttercup	Round leaves are dark green and glossy with yellow flowers (resembling buttercups). Flowers Spring and Autumn. Ideally suited to shaded wind free areas of the pond. Height: up to 30cms Depth: up to 15cm. Very popular "change of season" water garden plant.	Marginal	Sea
Canna "Florence Vaughn"	Canna Lily	Probably the most water tolerant of cannas, growing in up to 25 cms of water. The flowers resemble giant pansies with orange petals edged in yellow. Large flat "spear head" green leaves. Grows up to 1.5mtrs with a spread dependent on basket size.	Marginal	
Colocasia Esculenta	Black Magic Taro	Black Magic has dark plum leaves that appear velvet black. The leaf grows on dark burgundy/black stems. Ideally suited to wind protected warm areas. Grows well in part shade on pond margins or in boggy areas.	Marginal	
Colocasia Esculenta	Green Taro	Green taro has leaves and petioles that are light green. Grows in sun to part shade. Prefers moist soil, can be grown up to 15cms under water. Height: 60cm to 1.8mtrs. Spread is limited to basket size. Protect from wind.	Marginal	



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Colocasia Gigantea	Giant Elephants Ear	Colocasia gigantea is a fast growing tropical landscape plant with large rounded green leaves that look like giant elephant ears.. A large area is required as one plant can grow up to 2 metres (6') in height with an expanding spread. Will grow in full sun to shade.	Marginal	A
Cyperus alternifolius "Nanus"	Dwarf umbrella grass or palm	Compact cyperus plant with long umbrella fronds. Grows in sun to part shade. Prefers moist soil or water up to 15 cms. Due to it's compact size this plant is well suited to smaller water gardens, ponds or pots. Wind tolerant. Height to 90 cms.	Marginal	
Cyperus distans		Cyperus plants are a useful and attractive accent in a water garden landscape. The large heads are held above triangular stems that sprout from a central clump. The seed pods generally start green turning brown as the seed develops. This plant is self seeding so cutting the seeds heads off will reduce over development of cyperus in your pond. Grows in sun to shade and moist soil to up to 7 cms under water.	Marginal	
Cyperus Papyrus	Egyptian Papyrus	The Egyptian papyrus stems sprout ball shaped seed tufts. Keep contained where possible. Grows in full sun, protect from the wind. Grows well in moist soil or up to 10cms under water. Width limited only by basket size. Mature height 2 + metres. Ideal for bog and wet areas of ponds or as a feature plant in a water bowl.	Marginal	
Cyperus prolifer	Dwarf Papyrus	The dwarf papyrus stems sprout ball shaped seed tufts. The seed pods generally start green turning brown as the seed develops. Grows in full sun to shade. Moist soil or up to 15 cms under water. Height to 75cm. Ideal for ponds and water features. Wind delicate when juvenile	Marginal	
Geum rivale	Water Avens	Pretty pink bell shaped flowers held on slender stems with green leaves. Plants grow in clumps and flower during spring and autumn. A marginal plant growing up to 30cm. Ideally suited to moist soil. Relatively winter hardy.	Marginal	
Gratiola Sexdentata		NZ Native: Green leafed plant with a reddish brown stem. Flowers small trumpet-like white flowers. Plants grow marginally or in water up to 1 metre. Prefers areas of semi shade, does not perform well in the full sun. Relatively winter hardy.	Submerged	
Gunnera prorepens		NZ Native: Ground cover plant. Brownish green leaves with flowering spikes of bright red berries. Flowers mainly in summer and autumn. Prefers to be shaded in a wet/boggy environment with space to expand.	Marginal	
Hemigraphis Colorata	Red Ivy, Waffle plant	Green silvery leaves that are slightly rippled with purple underside. Excellent low growing plant. Produces small white flowers in spring and summer. Plant in part shade to full sun. Prefers moist soil but will tolerate depths up to 5cm.	Marginal	
Hippuris Vulgaris	Mare's Tail (Hippuridaceae)	Green pine-tree shaped shoots that grow as a ground cover or fully submerged. Will extend up to and carpet the water surface when grown submerged. Prefers full sun to shaded areas. Relatively winter hardy.	Submerged	A
Hydrocotyle leucocephala	Cardamine	Green umbrella like leaves that stand on thin stems. Excellent for ground cover as produces runners and roots down easily. Have small white flowers when leaves reach the water surface. Prefers moist to wet areas but can be submerged to depths greater than 20cm. Enjoys lots of light. Excellent edible vegetation for goldfish.	Submerged	
Hygrophila augustifolia	Blue Hygrophila	Popular aquarium plant. Will grow in bog areas, or in water up to 60cm deep. Bushy appearance with growth up to 90cm. Tough lush green foliage with small white flowers if grown out of the water. Not freely consumed by goldfish.	Submerged	A
Hygrophila corymbosa	Temple Plant	Popular aquarium plants. Silvery bronze leaves with purple blue flowers. Will not flower if plant is submerged. Corymbosa grows in full sun to shade. Suitable in moist soil to completely submerged.	Submerged	
Hygrophila difformis	Water wisteria	Popular aquarium plant. Water wisteria has mint-like foliage and tiny blue flowers that bloom at leaf joints. This plant can be fully submerged with foliage becoming ferny, finely cut and sticky to touch. Grows in sun to part shade in moist soil to fully submerged. Good plant to remove excess nutrient.	Submerged	
Hygrophila polysperma	Dwarf Hygrophila	Popular fast growing aquatic plant. Light green short stalked with oval leaves that become elongated when submerged. Will happily grow underwater, however, goldfish do enjoy eating the foliage. If pecked back elevate out of water to let foliage regrow. Prefers sun to part shade. Grows well in any water depth	Submerged	
Iris Versicolor		Colour variety: violet-blue with yellow. Spear like green leaves with flowering stalks up to 60cm. Excellent in moist areas but are tolerant to bog and swamp edges . Does well in full sun or partially shaded areas. Protect from wind.	Marginal	
Isolepis Sepulcralis	Fibre optic grass	A small clumping form of rush with seed pods located at the ends of the stem. Grows in full sun to half-shade. Prefers moist soil. Relatively winter hardy.	Marginal	A
Juncus effuses	Common Rush	A good vertical accent plant this rush has stiff green spine shaped stems. The plant often retains its colour all year round. Grows in sun to part shade in moist soil or water up to 10 cm. Good plants to remove excess nutrient.	Marginal	A
Juncus Effusus "Spiralis"	Corkscrew Rush	Spirialis has tightly coiled deep green foliage and remains almost evergreen in the winter months. Grows in sun to part shade. Plant in moist soil or water up to stem base. Ideal marginal plant.	Marginal	



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Juncus inflexus Afro	Blue Medusa Rush	An easy care plant hardy to most climates with a preference to pond edges or bog gardens. Curly blue stalks allow for an unusual accent. Enjoys full sun. Can be grown in up to 8cm of water. Grows to a height of 50cm with a circular spread limited only by basket size.	Marginal	A
Leptocarpus similis	Oioi or Joint wire rush	NZ Native - A clumping rush with dull greyish green colour with brown markings up the stems. Grows in water or damp ground - salt water tolerant. Prefers full sun. Height up to 1.5mtrs with planting depth of up to 30cms. Winter hardy.	Marginal	A
Ligularia Leopard		Ligularia is a perennial plant that grows in clumps. The stems stand upright with rounded green leaves which have a spattering of bright yellow spots. Prefers to grow in moist, damp soil in part or full shade.	Marginal	
Lilaeopsis Brasiliensis		Low growing dense leaf chain plant ideally suited to damp bog areas or in water. Thin spear shaped green leaves. Will grow in part shade to shaded areas of the pond or submerged up to 15 cm. Winter hardy.	Submerged	
Lilaeopsis Mauritiana		Low growing dense leaf chain plant ideally suited to damp bog areas or in water. Thin spear shaped green leaves. Ideally suited in part shade. Grows in bog or submerged up to 15 cm.	Submerged	
Lilaeopsis novae-zelandiae	Zealandia chain sword	NZ Native: Low growing dense leaf chain plant ideally suited to damp bog areas or in water. Spear shaped green leaves. Will grow in part shade to shaded areas of the pond or submerged up to 15 cm. Winter hardy.	Submerged	A
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal flower	A low growing plant with burgundy leaves that flowers bright red on spikes. Prefers to grow in sun to part shade in moist soil or water up to 7cm deep. Trim for repeat flowering. Ideal for bog or water gardens. Dormant over winter.	Marginal	
Louisiana Iris "Clyde Redmond"		Colour variety: cornflower-blue with yellow. Spear like green leaves with flowering stalks up to 90cm. Excellent in moist areas and can be submerged over the crown throughout the year - ideal for bog and swamp edges. Does well in full sun or partially shaded areas. Good plant to remove excess nutrient. Protect from wind.	Marginal	
Ludwigia repens		Popular aquatic plant with green leaves above and light red beneath. Fast growing in warm summer months. Will happily grow completely submerged. Prefers moist soil or can be submerged to 30cm. Will stay relatively lush, most cooler months.	Submerged	
Lysimachia Ciliata "Firecracker"		Clumping perennial plant with deep purple, lance shaped leaves. Flowers clusters of yellow star shaped flowers grown on upright leafy stems. Plant in moist to wet soil up to 5cm. Prefers full sun to semi shade. Stems grow up to 60cm (need to be trimmed off after flowering). Tolerates cool weather.	Marginal	
Lysimachia nummularia	Creeping Jenny	A green leafed creeper excellent edge cover for ponds. Will tolerate areas moist to fully submerged. If grown clear of the water surface small yellow flowers may appear in summer.	Marginal/ Submerged	
Lysimachia nummularia "Duo"		A combination of the vibrant green and golden leafed creepers excellent edge covers for ponds. Will tolerate areas moist to fully submerged. If grown clear of the water surface small yellow flowers may appear in summer.	Marginal/ Submerged	
Lysimachia nummularia Aurea	Golden Creeping Jenny	A golden leafed creeper excellent edge covers for ponds. Will tolerate areas moist to fully submerged. If grown clear of the water surface small yellow flowers may appear in summer.	Marginal/ Submerged	
Mentha Aquatica		A water plant with light green mint-like leaves producing masses of pale lavender flowers. Aromatic wide spreading foliage. Prefers moist soil, can be completely submerged. Full sun to semi-shaded. Will not flower if submerged.	Submerged	
Mondo Grass Black	Ophiopogon "Black Dragon"	The leaves are stiff leathery & strap-like. A popular garden border plant commonly used in outdoor rock gardens. Prefers moist shaded areas.	Marginal	A
Mondo Grass Green	Ophiopogon japonicus	The leaves are stiff leathery & strap-like. A popular garden border plant commonly used in outdoor rock gardens. Prefers moist shaded areas.	Marginal	A
Myriophyllum propinquum	Water milfoil	NZ Native: Myriophyllum has feathery foliage that carpets the water surface. Grows well by the pond edge or near moving water. Grows in any depth of water and will extend till the stem reaches the surface. Excellent for fish spawning. Planting depth from moist soil to 1 metre under water. Winter tolerant.	Submerged	A
Myriophyllum Robustum	Stout water milfoil	NZ Native: (Status: Rare, Threatened) Myriophyllum has feathery foliage that floats over the water surface. Slow growing. Suited by the pond edge, semi shaded. Grows in any depth of water and will extend till the stem reaches the surface. Excellent for fish spawning. Winter tolerant.	Submerged	A
Oenanthe Javanica Flamingo	Variegated water celery	A low growing plant with variegated pink and green leaves celery-like in appearance. Prefers full sun to semi-shade. Partial to moisture and boggy areas. Protect from frost over the winter period. Will grow no higher than 30cm but allow for spread	Marginal	
Pontederia Cordata	Blue Pickerel, Pond Pickerel	Pontederia cordata has shiny, jade green, heart-shaped leaves with large spikes of blue flowers. Grows in sun to part shade. Height: up to 75cm Plant spread dependent on basket size. Moist soil or water up to 30cm.	Marginal	



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Pontederia Lanceolata	Pond Pickerel	Pontederia Lanceolata has shiny, green, elongated spear-shaped leaves with spikes of blue flowers. Same genus as the Cordata. Grows in sun to part shade. Height: up to 90cm Depth: moist soil or water up to approx 30cm	Marginal	
Ranunculus amphitrichus	Rivularis	NZ Native: Excellent wet land and aquatic growing plant. Deep green parsley type foliage. Has a delicate yellow flower. Prefers shaded areas. Plant in moist soil or grows completely submerged. Excellent for spawning fish.	Submerged	A
Ranunculus lingua	Water Buttercup	Lingua grows spear shaped green leaves on long stems. Flowers are bright yellow and buttercup shaped. Plants will grow submerged or on the pond edge creating a floating mat over the pond. Excellent for fish spawning. Excellent edible vegetation for goldfish. Relatively winter hardy	Submerged	
Rotala indica	Bean Stalk	Rotala Indica is a well known aquarium plant. A creeping plant with round green leaves with blue and white trumpet-like flowers, growing from the leaf joint. Grows in shade to full sun. Moist soil to fully submerged.	Submerged	
Rotala rotundifolia	Pink Sprite	Popular aquarium plant. Rotala has pink and green leaves with reddish stems. Above the water rotala will creep and produce pink astilbes-like flowers. Grows from shade to full sun. Plant in moist soil to fully submerged.	Marginal/ Submerged	
Sagittaria subulata	Dwarf Sagittaria	Lovely low growing plant with green spear like leaves. Suited in depths from 5cm but will grow in deeper water. If planted in water less than 20cm the plant will produce a small white flower that will float near the surface.	Submerged	
Samolus Floribundus	Green water rose	Light green oval leaves displayed in small rosettes producing a central stem with delicate white flowers. Prefers moist to wet soil but can be completely submerged. Will not flower if submerged. Excellent edible vegetation for goldfish.	Marginal	
Saururus Cernuus	Mouses ear	Lovely low growing plant with green spear like leaves. Suited in depths from 5cm but will grow in deeper water. If planted in water less than 20cm the plant will produce a small white flower that will float near the surface.	Marginal/ Submerged	
Scirpus zebrinus	Zebra Rush	A highly ornamental water plant, the zebra rush has white bands up its tall green foliage which become more pronounced when the weather is cool. Grows in sun to part shade. Prefers moist soil, however will tolerate the plant base being completely submerged.	Marginal	
Scrophularia Aquatica Variegata		Evergreen clump-forming with green ruffled leaves, splashed with cream. Flowers are light purple on tall spikes. Provides additional colour to pond edges. Height up to 70cm. Suggest planting on a moist pond edge or up to 5cms deep. Ideally suited to partially shaded areas.	Marginal	
Selliera Radicans	Remuremu	NZ Native: Low growing marginal plant with tight creeping mat spread. Light green glossy tear shaped leaves with small white flowers. Prefers partial sun to shade. Plant in moist soil. Protect from slugs and snails. Relatively winter hardy.	Marginal	A
Sisyrinchium Graminifolium	Dwarf Satin Iris	Miniature green iris shaped leaves with bright yellow star shaped flowers. Prefers moist soil. Height up to 30cm. Protect from slugs and snails.	Marginal	
Soleirolia	Baby's Tears Helexine Soleinolii	Low growing ground cover with tiny foliage. Ideal for damp or wet areas. Small rounded fleshy foliage with occasional small white flowers. Prefers part shaded or low light. Keep moist in the warmer months.	Marginal	
Spiloxene Alba	Hypoxidaceae	Lovely low growing South African bulb plant with white star shape flowers and green spear like leaves. Suits the moist bog area of your pond in sun to part shade. Bulbs shoot when the weather turns cool and flowers during Autumn and early spring. Plant goes dormant through the summer. Ideal winter plant.	Marginal	W
Thalia dealbata		A striking plant with lush arrow shaped foliage on long stems. Can grow to a height of 1.8mtrs with a spread limited by basket size. Flowering in late summer small purple flowers on stems. Plants grow in moist soil or in water up to 15cm. Prefers full sun to part shade.	Marginal	
Tradescantia	Lilac Gem	A flowering plant with arrow shaped foliage on long stems. Grows to approx. 30cms high. The three petal flowers are pale lilac with a dark lilac centre. Long flowering period. Plants grow in moist soil Prefers full sun to semi-shade.	Marginal	
Wachendorfia thyrsiflora	Red or Blood root	Clump-forming, tuberous perennial. The green sword like leaves are parallel veined and pleated. Dramatic bright yellow star-shaped flowers are produced on stalks up to 2.5m tall - flowering Oct to December. Plant in shallow water on pond margin.	Marginal	
Zantedeschia	Dwarf	A dwarf calla lily with dark green foliage with a white flower and bright yellow stamen. Flowers late winter to spring. Grows best in moist soil and tolerates wet conditions. Ideal for borders, bog gardens and general plantings. Full shade to sun.	Marginal	
Zephyranthes	White Autumn Crocus	Delicate white flowering plant with grass-like foliage. Flowers late summer and autumn. Rain stimulates flowering. Grows in sunny to partly shaded areas in moist soil. Height to 30cm.	Marginal	Sea

(A) - All year (Sea) - Seasonal (W) - Winter Only