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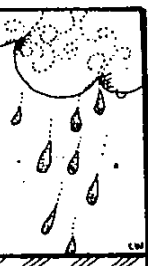
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Follow Nature's Lead In Wet Soil Areas



If you're doing your gardening in moist-soil-choose trees that in nature are found along the banks of streams or in the low flood-plain areas. They are adapted to wet soil conditions.

Red maple (*Acer rubrum*) is a fast growing maple. It is also known as swamp maple. In early spring it has tiny ruby-red glowers and red seed pods. Later green leaves with red stems cover the tree. In early fall they are the first to turn color, becoming a brilliant red. Silver maples are another maple that will grow in this situation.

Sweet gum (*Liquidambar*) is another handsome tree to grow in moist soil. It has leathery star-shaped leaves that turn red and orange in fall. The sour gum or tupelo is another for moist soil. It is also known as the pepperidge tree. Leaves, pointed at both ends, also turn color early --blazing against the green of other trees.

The swamp white oak, becomes a handsome large tree with the sturdy branching characteristics of all oaks.

WILLOWS OF ALL KINDS will thrive. This includes weeping willows and corkscrew willow. Among the small trees to consider are amelanchier or shad or pussy willows.

Large shrubs to use include various alders and viburnums such as the hobblebush, withe-rod, arrow-wood and high bush cranberry. The latter has clusters of glossy red berries that are decorative all winter. Elderberry is another large, although rather coarse shrub, that grows in moist situations.

The red osier dogwood is handsome, especially in winter when the lacquer-red stems contrast with the snow covered ground. Other shrub dogwoods can be used also, although they are less dramatic.

BUTTON BUSH HAS beautiful glossy leaves and round bristly looking flower heads. It would be handsome in any garden, but needs the moist situation. Other shrubs to grow in such an area include spice bush, mountain laurel, Michigan holly, blueberries, sweet azalea, flame azalea, pinxter-bloom azalea, pink shell azalea and swamp azalea.



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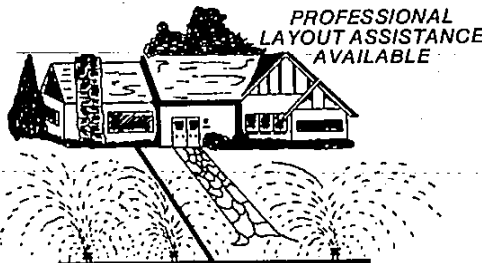
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