

Table 2. Some landscape plants suitable for use in landscaped parking lot islands in Ohio and the upper Midwest. The plants listed here are mostly native to the Midwest, and there is some variation in their tolerance of flooding and winter salt. This list is only partial, and local nurseries or plant suppliers will be able to suggest other plants that will thrive in periodically flooded conditions or with poor drainage.

ScientificName	CommonName	Remarks/Cultivarsavailable	
Treestolerantofintermittentflooding			
<i>Acer x freemanii</i>	Freeman Maple	'Armstrong', 'Autumn Blaze'	C
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	'Red Sunset', 'October Glory'	C
<i>Aesculus glabra</i>	Ohio Buckeye	May scorch in summer	N
<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Red Buckeye	Good flower display	N
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Common Alder	Multi-stem, fast-growing	N
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch	'Heritage'	C
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	Bitternut Hickory	Deep tap root, drops nuts	N
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Common Hackberry	Large, very tough	N
<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	White Ash	Avoid fruit, with male clone only	N
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Thornless Honeylocust	'Shademaster'	C
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia	Semi-evergreen, fragrant	N
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	Great fall color, deep taproot	N
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	Large, slow-growing	N
<i>Quercus nigra</i>	Water Oak	Dislikes alkaline soils	N
<i>Salix alba</i>	White Willow	""'Britzensis' has orange twigs	N
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Common Baldcypress	Very adaptable	C
Shrubs:suitableforshade,andforrootcompetitionwithcanopytrees			
<i>Aesculus parvifolia</i>	Bottlebrush Buckeye	Large shrub, showy flowers	N
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red Chokeberry	'Brilliantissima'	C
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry	Low-growing, showy fruit	N
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Clethra or Summersweet	'Hummingbird'	C
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Yellowtwig Dogwood	'Flaviramea': yellow in winter	C
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Red osier Dogwood	Bright red winter twigs	N
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry	'Winter red' cultivar	C
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia Sweetspire	'Henry's Garnet'	C
<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Ramanas Rose	Hardy ground cover	I
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	Arborvitae	Many forms available	C
<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>	Cranberry	Evergreen with red fruits	C
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum	'Chicago Luster'	C
Groundcoversandfloweringperennialsforwetand/orshadyconditions			
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Bishop's weed	Variiegated leaves; invasive	I
<i>Arisaema dracontium</i>	Greendragon	Deep shade	N
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	Full sun for best flowers	N
<i>Aster lateriflorus</i>	Farewell-summer	'Prince' cultivar is shorter	N
<i>Carex spp.</i>	Sedges—many kinds	Tolerate standing water	N
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	Black Snakeroot	Very tall flower spikes	N
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry	Deciduous groundcover	N
<i>Epimedium spp.</i>	Epimedium	Various species, some showy	I
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Wintercreeper	Evergreen, many cultivars	I
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	Joe-Pye Weed	Tall with purple flowers	N
<i>Geum canadense</i>	White Avens		N
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag	Tolerates standing water	C
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft Rush	Resembles grass	N
<i>Liriope spicata</i>	Creeping Lily-turf	Grass-like with lavender flowers	I
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	Various colors available	C
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	Creeping Jenny	Groundcover, yellow flowers	I
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells	Early spring flowers	C
<i>Mitchella repens</i>	Partridgeberry	Creeping, evergreen	N
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Wild Blue Phlox	Showy blooming, native	C
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping buttercup	Flowering groundcover	I
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	Spiderwort	Named garden varieties	C
• N = Native, indigenous to the upper midwest. • C = Cultivars (or hybrids) of native species are available. • I = Introduced to the United States.			