



Aquatic Plant Guide

Specialist suppliers of British Native Aquatic Plants

Services offered

Verdant Solutions supply top quality, native (and ornamental) aquatic plants anywhere in the UK. We offer a comprehensive range of marginal, bog, oxygenating and deep marginal aquatic plants. All aquatic plants, however, are subject to seasonal availability although some plants are available right throughout the year.

Verdant Solutions offer a full consultation, design and planting service utilising our own, in-house, skilled installation team. We can provide method statements and risk assessments and have all of the relevant insurance policies for complete peace of mind for both working in and beside ponds, lakes, rivers and canals.

We offer plants in a variety of sizes ranging from bare root and root trainer sizes through to 28 litre grown jumbo mesh baskets and all other sizes in between. In addition, we specialise in contract growing orders and can even offer plants for brackish water conditions and can grow and supply from local provenance if required.

Although we specialise in British Native aquatic plants we are also able to offer a comprehensive range of hardy, ornamental aquatic plants. Ranging from beautiful red water lilies to claret coloured iris's. We can supply most varieties throughout the year, and contract growing in a range of sizes is also available.

Verdant Solutions also specialise in the supply of Phragmites Australis (Common Reed) of which is used in projects all over the UK. All plants are grown from UK native stock using seed from local provenance (where applicable). Also offered is saline tolerant stock for coastal brackish water sites. Projects include bittern habitat, restoration schemes, treatment systems, etc.

British native aquatic plants



Picture shows:
Plug plant
Cell plant
Root Trainer plant















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Marginal plants

Native	Species	Availability	Habit	Max height	Max depth	Position	Density/ m ²	Image
	Acorus Calamus	March-Sept	Clump Forming	110cm	0-3cm	Sun	5-7	
	Alisma Plantago <i>Water Plantain</i>	March-Sept	Clump Forming	85cm	0-15cm	Sun	5-7	
	Apium Nodiflorum <i>Fools Water Cress</i>	March-July	Prolific	15cm	0-7cm	Shade	4-5	
	Butomus Umbellatus <i>Flowering Rush</i>	April-Sept	Clump Forming	90cm	0.10cm	Sun	5-7	
	Caltha Palustris <i>Marsh Marigold</i>	Feb-June	Clump Forming	30cm	0-10cm	Part Shade	5-7	
	Carex Acutiformis <i>Lesser Pond Sedge</i>	Mar-Sept	Vigorous	90cm	0-20cm	Part Shade	3-7	
	Carex Pendula <i>Pendulous Sedge</i>	Mar-Sept	Clump Forming	120cm	0-20cm	Sun	5-7	
	Carex Pseudocyperus <i>Cyperus Sedge</i>	Mar-Sept	Clump Forming	120cm	0-20cm	Sun	5-7	
	Carex Riparia <i>Greater Pond Sedge</i>	Mar-Sept	Vigorous	120cm	0-20cm	Part Shade	3-7	
	Glyceria Maxima <i>Reed Sweet Grass</i>	Mar-Sept	Prolific	90cm	0-10cm	Part Shade	3-5	

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	Iris Pseudacorus <i>Yellow Flag Iris</i>	Feb-Sept	Clump Forming	110cm	0-15cm	Sun	5-7	
	Juncus Effusus <i>Soft Rush</i>	Feb-Nov	Clump Forming	75cm	0-10cm	Part Shade	5-7	
	Juncus Articulatus <i>Jointed Rush</i>	April-Sept	Clump Forming	30cm	0-5cm	Any	5-7	
	Juncus Inflexus <i>Hard Rush</i>	Feb-Nov	Clump Forming	75cm	0-5cm	Part Shade	5-7	
	Lythrum Salicaria <i>Purple Loosestrife</i>	Mar-Sept	Clump Forming	90cm	0-7cm	Sun	5-7	
	Mentha Aquatica <i>Water Mint</i>	Feb-June	Creeping	60cm	0-6cm	Part Shade	5-7	
	Myosotis Palustris <i>Water Forget-me-Not</i>	Feb-June	Creeping	20cm	0-7cm	Sun	5-7	
	Nasturtium Aquaticum <i>Water Cress</i>	Feb-June	Vigorous	30cm	0-10cm	Part Shade	5-7	
	Phalaris Arundinacea <i>Reed Canary Grass</i>	Mar-Aug	Vigorous	90cm	0-10cm	Sun	5-7	
	Phragmites Australis <i>Common Reed</i>	Feb-Oct	Vigorous	150cm	0-30cm	Any	5-9	

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	Ranunculus Flammula <i>Lesser Spearwort</i>	Mar-Aug	Creeping	15cm	0-10cm	Shade	5-7	
	Ranunculus Lingua <i>Greater Spearwort</i>	Mar-Aug	Vigorous	75cm	0-25cm	Part Shade	3-5	
	Rumex Hydrolapathum <i>Great Water-dock</i>	Mar-Oct	Vigorous	80cm	0.15cm	Any	3-5	
	Sagittaria Sagittifolia <i>Common Arrow Head</i>	April-Sept	Clump Forming	90cm	0-30cm	Any	5-8	
	Scirpus Lacustris <i>True Bull Rush</i>	March-Sept	Vigorous	120cm	0-30cm	Sun	4-7	
	Scirpus Maritimus <i>Sea Club Rush</i>	March-Aug	Creeping	60cm	0-20cm	Part Shade	4-7	
	Scrophularia Aquatica <i>Water Figwort</i>	April-Sept	Clump Forming	100cm	0-20cm	Shade	4-7	
	Sparganium Erectum <i>Branched Burr-reed</i>	April-Sept	Creeping	90cm	30-60cm	Any	4-7	
	Typha Angustifolia <i>Lesser Reed Mace</i>	March-Oct	Prolific	150cm	0-30cm	Any	4-7	
	Typha Latifolia <i>Greater Reed Mace</i>	Feb-May	Prolific	150cm	0-60cm	Any	4-7	















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	Veronica Beccabunga <i>Brook Lime</i>	Feb-May	Creeping	15-20cm	0-7cm	Part Shade	4-7	





Bog plants

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	Cardamine Pratensis <i>Cuckoo Flower</i>	Mar - Jun	Clump Forming	30cm	Bog Area	Sun	5-8	
	Epilobium Hirsutum <i>Greater Willow Herb</i>	April - Sept	Vigorous	120cm	Bog Area	Any	4-8	
	Eupatorium Cannabinum <i>Hemp Agrimony</i>	May - Sept	Vigorous	90cm	Bog Area	Any	4-8	
	Filipendula Ulmaria <i>Meadow Sweet</i>	Mar - Sept	Medium	90cm	Bog Area	Part Shade	4-8	
	Leucanthemum Vulgare <i>Ox-eye Daisy</i>	April-July	Medium	70cm	Bog Area	Sun	4-9	
	Lychmis Flos-Cuculi <i>Ragged Robin</i>	Mar-Sept	Medium	60cm	Bog Area	Any	4-9	
	Lycopus Europaeus <i>Gypsy Wort</i>	Mar-Sept	Medium	80cm	Bog Area	Any	4-9	













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Bog plants

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	Petasites Hybridus <i>Butterbur</i>	Mar - Jun	Vigorous	110cm	Bog Area	Any	4-6	
	Stachys Paulstris <i>Marsh Woundwort</i>	April - Aug	Medium	100cm	Bog Area	Part Shade/ Sun	4-9	





Oxygenating plants

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	Callitriche Stagnalis <i>Starwort</i>	Feb-July	Vigorous	9cm Pot/ Weighted Bunch	15-90cm	Any	5-8	
	Ceratophyllum Demersum <i>Hornwort</i>	Feb-Aug	Vigorous	9cm Pot/ Weighted Bunch	15-90cm	Sun	5-8	
	Fontinalis Antipyretica <i>Willow Moss</i>	Mar-July	Slow/ Evergreen	9cm Pot/ Weighted Bunch	15-90cm	Any	5-8	
	Hottonia Palustris <i>Water Violet</i>	Mar-July	Slow	9cm Pot/ Weighted Bunch	15-30cm	Any	5-8	
	Myriophyllum Spicatum <i>Water Milfoil</i>	Mar-July	Vigorous	9cm Pot/ Weighted Bunch	15-90cm	Sun	5-8	
	Potamogeton Crispus <i>Curly Pond Weed</i>	April-Sept	Vigorous	9cm Pot/ Weighted Bunch	15-90cm	Sun	5-8	







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	Ranunculus Aquatilis <i>Water Crowfoot</i>	April-Aug	Prolific	9cm Pot/ Weighted Bunch	15-90cm	Any	5-8	
	Hippuris Vulgaris <i>Mares Tail</i>	April-Aug	Prolific	9cm Pot/ Weighted Bunch	15-90cm	Any	5-8	

Deep Marginal - Emergent Aquatic plants

Native	Species	Availability	Habit	Size	Max depth	Position	Flower Period	Image
	Nuphar Luteum <i>Brandy Bottle</i>	Feb-Sept	Large	Bare Root/ Potted	30-90cm	Sunny	Jun-Aug	
	Polygonum Amphibium <i>Amphibious Bistort</i>	Apr-July	Prolific	Bare Root/ Potted	15-60cm	Any	Jul-Sept	
	Potamogeton Natans <i>Floating Pond Weed</i>	Apr-July	Prolific	Bare Root/ Potted	15-60cm	Any	May-Aug	
	Nymphaea Alba <i>Common White Lily</i>	Jan-Nov	Large	Bare Root/ Potted	30-90cm	Sunny	June-Aug	

Floating Aquatic plants

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	Hydrocharis Morsus Ranae <i>Frog-bit</i>	Apr-July	Slow	Bare Root	Any	Any	May-June	
	Stratiotes Aloides <i>Water Soldier</i>	Mar-Aug	Prolific	Bare Root	Any	Any	June-Aug	

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