

# PLANTS FOR SOFT LANDINGS

Soft Landings are diverse native plantings under keystone trees or any other regionally appropriate native trees. These safe, undisturbed areas, which also include fallen leaves and organic material, provide the habitat many beneficial insects must have to complete their life cycles. Read more on our blog post: [izelplants.com/blog/soft-landings](https://izelplants.com/blog/soft-landings)



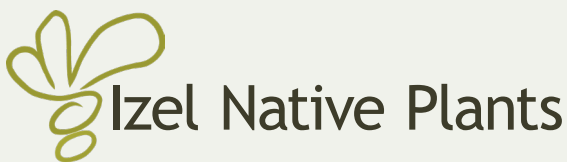
Below are suggestions for Soft Landings. In the areas under and around a tree, moisture availability and sun exposure can vary considerably. Inside the dripline, closer to the tree tends to be drier and shadier. As you approach the dripline, there tends to be a little more moisture and sun. At and outside the dripline tends to have the most sun and moisture. Plants that thrive in shade or part shade are good choices for underneath the dripline, while those tolerant of more sun are good nearer the dripline and outside it. This list is a starting point, and many other species will do well. As always, aim to match the plants to your region, climate, and cultural conditions.

Forbs for Soft Landings	Common Name	Exposure				Moisture			Bloom Time			Leaf Persistence			
		Sun	Part-Sun	Part-Shade	Shade	Dry	Moist	Wet	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Eastern columbine														
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	wild ginger														
<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	green and gold														
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	blue mistflower														
<i>Erigeron pulchellus</i>	robin's plantain														
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	white wood aster														
<i>Eurybia macrophylla</i>	bigleaf aster														
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	spotted geranium														
<i>Heuchera americana</i>	American alumroot														
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia bluebells														
<i>Mitella diphylla</i>	twoleaf miterwort														
<i>Packera aurea</i>	golden ragwort														
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	wild blue phlox														
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacob's ladder														
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	orange coneflower														
<i>Solidago caesia</i>	bluestem goldenrod														
<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i>	zigzag goldenrod														
<i>Symphyotrichum cordifolium</i>	common blue wood aster														
<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	early meadow-rue														
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	heartleaf foamflower														
<i>Viola sororia</i>	common blue violet														
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	golden zizia														



Grasses & Sedges for Soft Landings	Common Name	Exposure				Moisture			Bloom Time			Leaf Persistence			
		Sun	Part-Sun	Part-Shade	Shade	Dry	Moist	Wet	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<i>Carex albicans</i>	whitewing sedge														
<i>Carex amphibola</i>	eastern narrowleaf sedge														
<i>Carex brevior</i>	shortbeak sedge														
<i>Carex bromoides</i>	brome-like sedge														
<i>Carex cherokeensis</i>	Cherokee sedge														
<i>Carex eburnea</i>	bristleleaf sedge														
<i>Carex laxiculmis</i>	spreading sedge														
<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania sedge														
<i>Carex plantaginea</i>	plains sedge														
<i>Carex radiata</i>	Eastern star sedge														
<i>Carex rosea</i>	rosy sedge														
<i>Carex sprengei</i>	Sprengel's sedge														
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>	tufted hairgrass														
<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	Eastern bottlebrush grass														

Ferns for Soft Landings	Common Name	Exposure				Moisture			Bloom Time			Leaf Persistence			
		Sun	Part-Sun	Part-Shade	Shade	Dry	Moist	Wet	Spring	Summer	Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Northern maidenhair														
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	common ladyfern														
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	marginal woodfern														
<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	interrupted fern														
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas fern														



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