

Simple Water Gardens



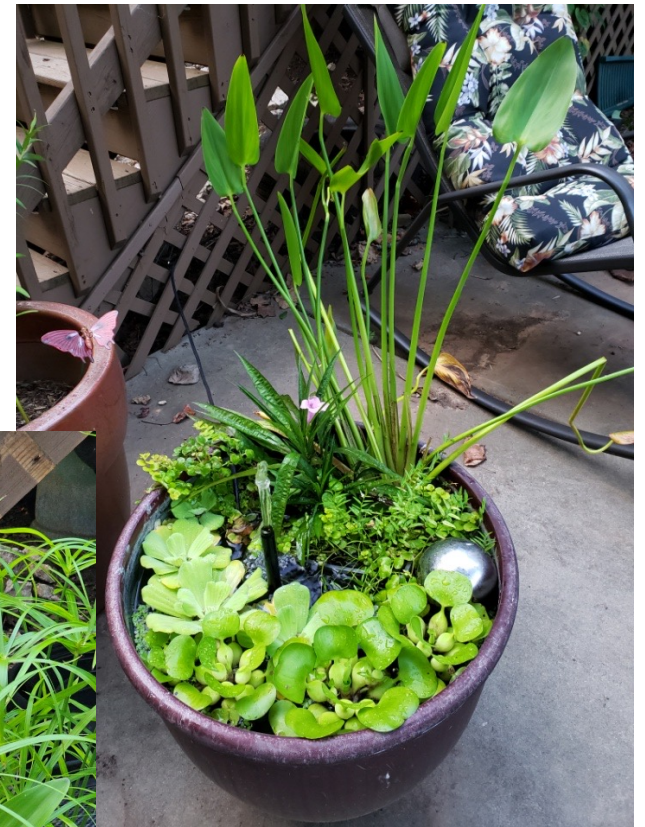
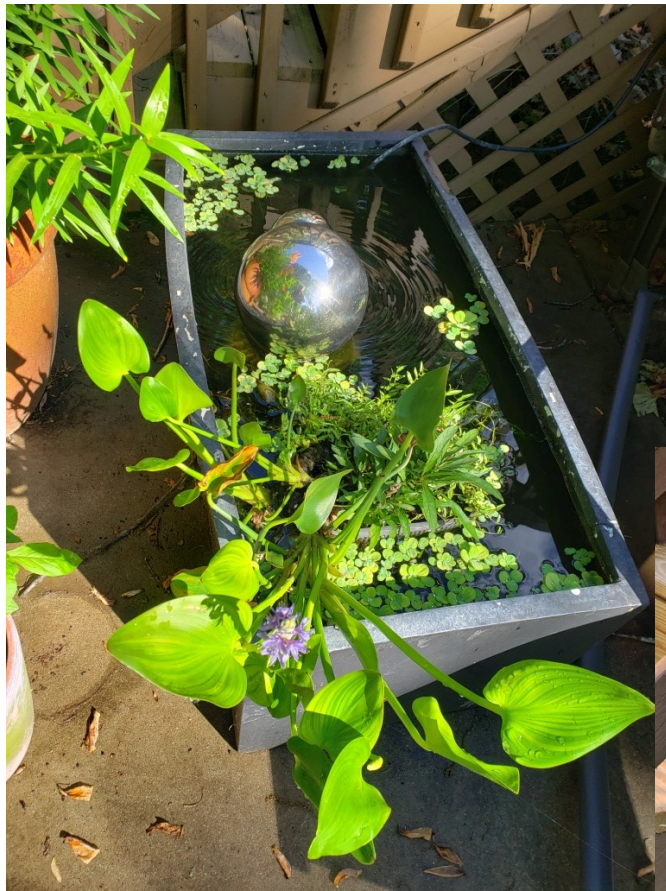
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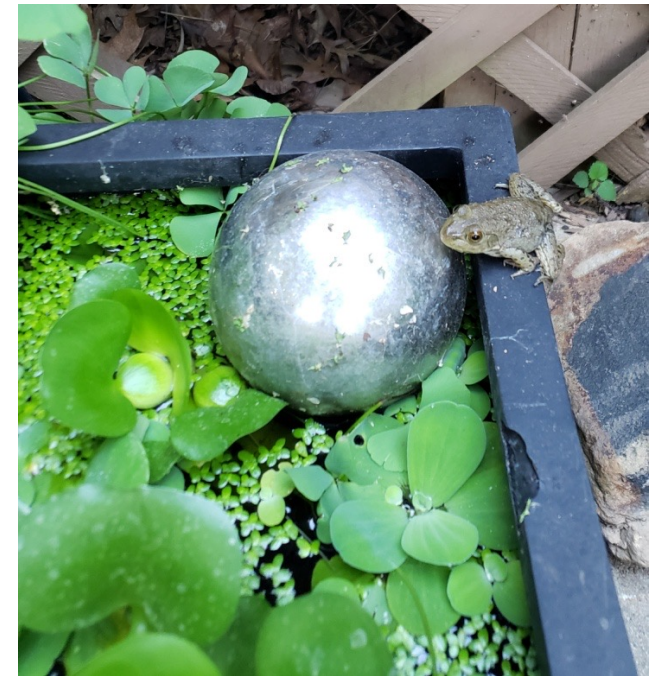
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Necessary Items

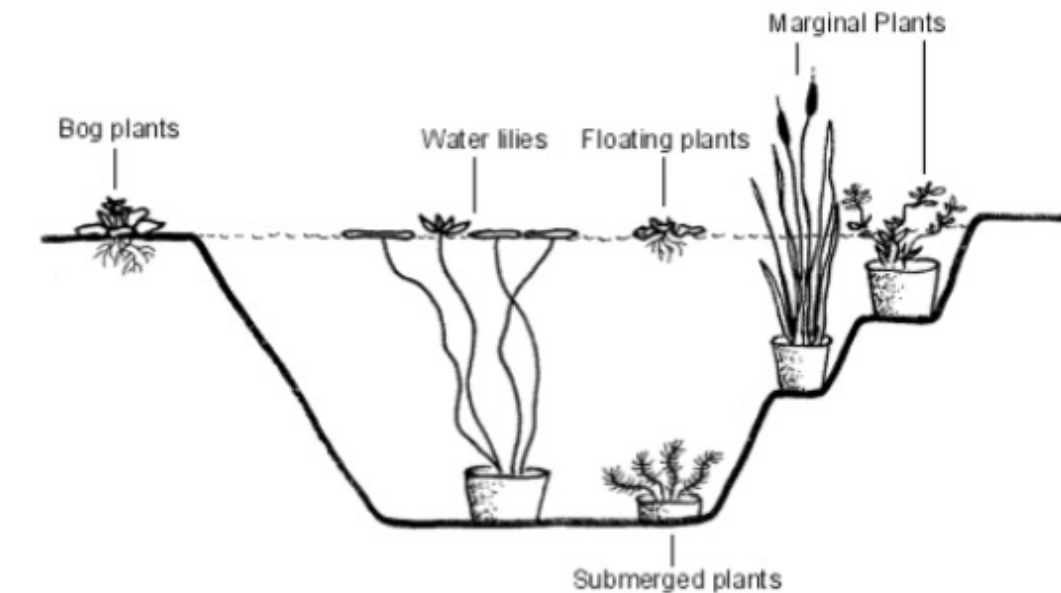
- Container
- Plants
 - Floating
 - Marginal
 - Submerged
 - Bog
- Soil (unless floating plants)
- Site conditions



Water plant depth zones:

0"-16" marginal plants

~16"+ water lilies

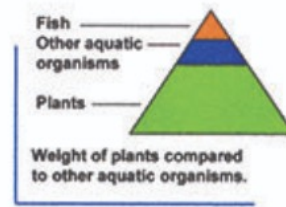


Adapted from *Water in the Garden* by James Allison

Water in the Garden: A Complete Guide to the Design and Installation of Ponds, Fountains, Streams, and Waterfalls by James Allison 1991

Things to Consider

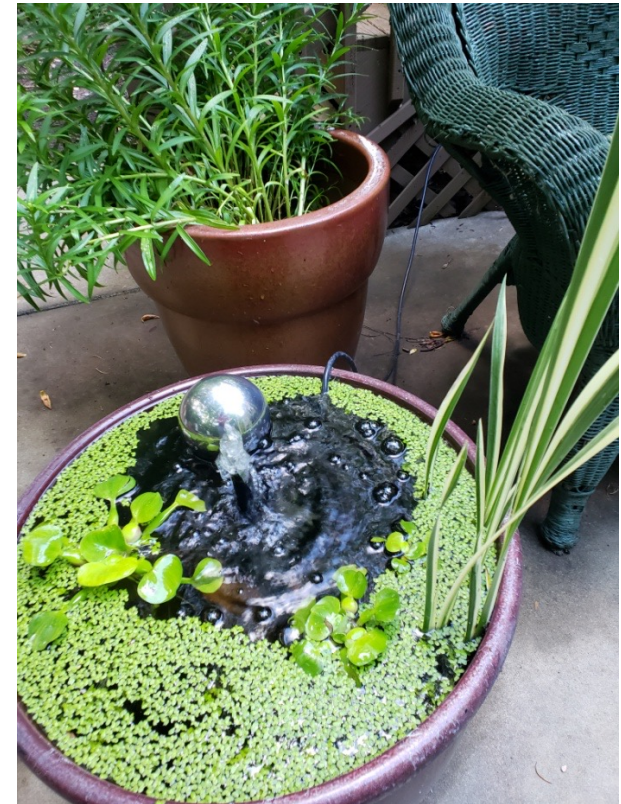
- Pump (or not)
- Mosquito control
 - <https://a.co/d/6C1eX7V> Mosquito Dunks
- Fish:
 - size
 - temperature



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Examples of Pumps

- <https://a.co/d/4OSwMgy> Mademax Upgraded Solar Fountain 6.3" up to 3.5W
- <https://www.lowes.com/pd/smartpond-Container-Fountain-Kit/1000864774>
70GPH pump with filter



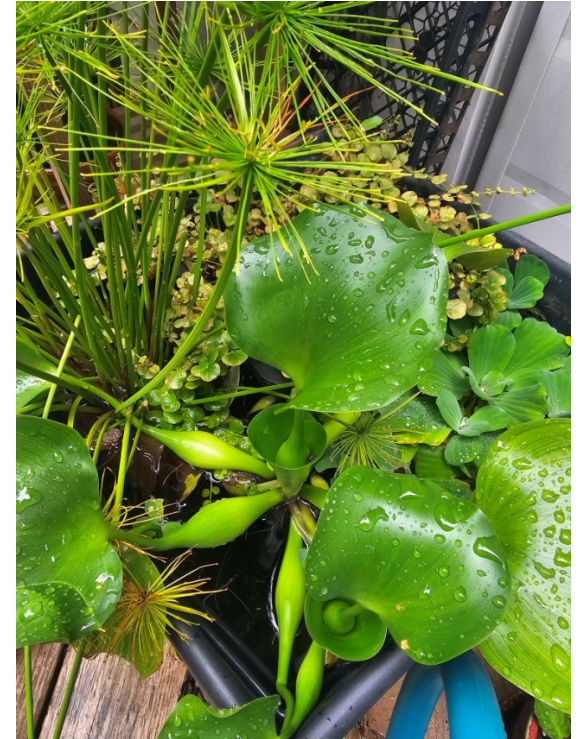
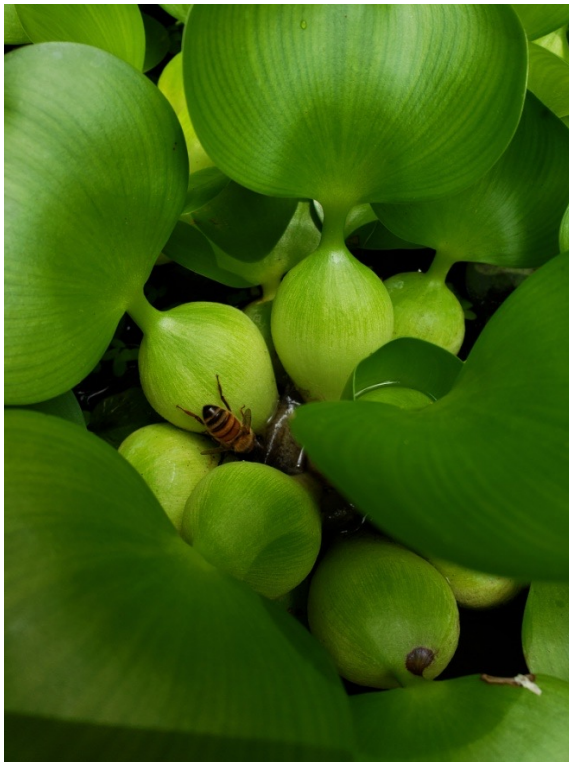
Current Perennials

- *Thalia dealbata* (water canna)
- *Wolffia* (duckweed)
- *Alisma plantago-aquatica* (water-plantain)
- *Equisetum scirpoides* (horsetail)
- *Houttuynia cordata* (chameleon plant)
- *Myriophyllum aquaticum* (parrot feather)
- *Pontedericia cordata* (pickerel weed)
- *Carex elata* Aurea (Bowles golden sedge)
- *Anemopsis californica* (bear root)
- *Hydrocotyle umbellata* (dollarweed)
- *Sagittaria arifolia* (lizard's tail)
- Irises
- *Bacopa caroliniana* (lemon bacopa)



Tender Perennials (Overwinter)

- *Cyperus* (a few different varieties)
- *Eichhornia crassipes* (water hyacinth)
- *Pistia stratiotes* (water lettuce)



Other Options

- Hosta
- *Acorus calamus* (sweet flag)
- *Iris pseudacorus* (yellow flag iris)
- *Alocasia* and *Colocasia*
- Pitcher Plants and other bog plants
- *Juncus effusus* (soft rush)
- *Lobelia cardinalis* (cardinal flower)
- *Lysimachia nummularia* (creeping jenny)
- And more



Resources

- https://www.bbg.org/article/aquatic_plants_in_containers
- <https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/water-gardens-a-low-management-approach.html>
- <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/Portals/0/Gardening/Gardenin g%20Help/Factsheets/Water%20Gardening27.pdf>
- <https://shop.iastate.edu/extension/home-garden/lawn-and-garden/gardening/rg604.html>
- <https://ccenassau.org/horticulture/water-gardens>
- <https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/426/426-042/426-042.html>
- <https://site.extension.uga.edu/fultonag/2025/07/transform-your-outdoor-space-with-water-gardens/>

Resources

- [https://www.finegardening.com/project-guides/container-gardening/make-a-big-splash-with\[...\]d=AfmBOorfCAri7WZxxdjMnzXoXhPFS0zNKy1l2ELkYVAzRRG4TjFF1mIZ](https://www.finegardening.com/project-guides/container-gardening/make-a-big-splash-with[...]d=AfmBOorfCAri7WZxxdjMnzXoXhPFS0zNKy1l2ELkYVAzRRG4TjFF1mIZ) need to be a member
- <https://garden.org/learn/articles/view/94/How-to-Create-a-Water-Garden/>
- <https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/design/landscaping-for-specific-sites/water-gardens/>
- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/adventures-in-water-gardening>

Resources

- <https://extension.illinois.edu/container-gardens/planting-water-garden-container>
- <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/landscape/water-gardening/plant-life-water-gardens/>
- <https://extension.psu.edu/mid-atlantic-pocket-guide-to-water-garden-species>

