

# NATURE LAB PROPOSAL



**Nature Lab is a multi-layered garden experience inviting users of all ages to get their hands dirty, discover and manipulate their surroundings to experiment with nature.**

- KEY:**
- 1. CENTRAL 'LAB' SPACE - LOOSE PLAY HUB
  - 2. PLAY ISLANDS
  - 3. VEGETATED SCREEN
  - 4. 'WEEPING' GATES
  - 5. PLANTED RIFTS

The garden is approached through the enclosure of a vegetated screen to stimulate ones intrigue and provide a sense of reveal. Sunken within the garden is the broken plain of scattered islands which presents to the user multiple options and ways of crossing these platforms to traverse and discover the space. Between these structures, plants form an intrinsic interlocking web of wet and dry vegetation, a sustainable and adaptable approach to the challenges of climate change within our gardens. Plants to the outer edges are located in low lying wet soil conditions while the centre is a more arid planting environment. The focal point or destination of the garden is the Nature Lab. This key central space, forms the gardens visual core and contains multi-sensory experiences and natural elements for the user to touch, manipulate and move around the garden to provoke imaginative and creative play.



## SUGGESTED PLANT LIST:

- Acaena inermis* 'Purpurea'
- Acorus gramineus* 'Hakuro-nishiki'
- Aquilegia canadensis*
- Armeria maritima*
- Asarum maximum*
- Asarum splendens*
- Asclepias incarnata*
- Asplenium scolopendrium*
- Asplenium trichomanes*
- Caltha palustris*
- Carex buchananii*
- Carex flacca*
- Carex grayi*
- Cheilanthes lanosa*
- Chelone glabra*
- Cornus canadensis*
- Digitalis ferruginea*
- Echinops ritro* 'Veitch's Blue'
- Festuca glauca* 'Golden Toupee'
- Fragaria virginiana*
- Gaillardia pulchella*
- Galium odoratum*
- Heuchera* 'Fireworks'
- Houttuynia cordata* 'Chameleon'
- Humulus lupulus* 'Aureus'
- Hylotelephium cyaneum* 'Sakhalin'
- Ipomoea alba*
- Juncus effusus* f. *spiralis*
- Liatris spicata*
- Ligularia przewalskii*
- Luzula sylvatica*
- Mentha pulegium*
- Molinia caerulea* subsp. *caerulea* 'Moorhexe'
- Myosotis scorpioides*
- Nepeta* 'Leeds Castle'
- Osmunda claytoniana*
- Penstemon* 'Rich Ruby'
- Persicaria vacciniifolia*
- Polypodium vulgare*
- Primula capitata*
- Primula wilsonii*
- Salix purpurea*
- Salix viminalis*
- Salvia glutinosa*
- Sanguinaria canadensis*
- Sarracenia purpurea*
- Saxifraga* 'Lutea'
- Saxifraga urbinum*
- Schizachyrium scoparium*
- Sedum spathulifolium* 'Cape Blanco'
- Sempervivum* 'Kramer's Spinrad'
- Solidago rigida*
- Taxodium distichum* 'Pévé Minaret'
- Thymus serpyllum* 'Snowdrift'
- Tiarella cordifolia*
- Trollius chinensis*
- Verbena hastata*
- Verbena stricta*
- Zizia aurea*



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