

This garden added habitat valuable for wildlife including the twelve-spotted skimmer dragonfly (*Libellula pulchella*).

# WATERCOURSE GARDEN

**This attractive garden was created to solve a major drainage problem.**

Before these garden beds existed, water running down this slope was creating a serious erosion problem. Instead of installing an underground drainage pipe, Cornell Botanic Gardens staff saw a new opportunity: create two shallow ponds surrounded by water-tolerant plants to catch and slow down water, help filter storm water runoff, and add beauty to the site.

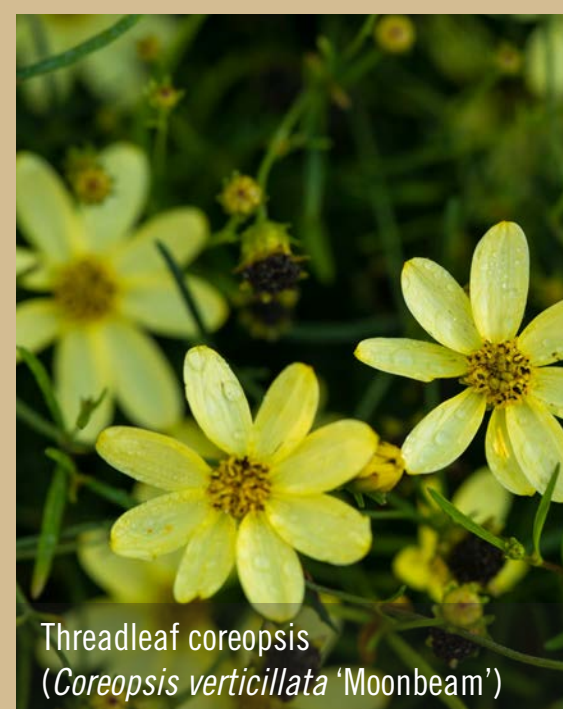
The plantings in front of you and to your left include new species and cultivars of trees, shrubs and grasses, as well as some of our favorite perennials. The contrasting colors, shapes, heights and textures of the plants create a dynamic environment.



American goldfinch  
(*Carduelis tristis*)



Buttonbush  
(*Cephalanthus occidentalis* 'Keystone')



Threadleaf coreopsis  
(*Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam')



Japanese silver grass  
(*Miscanthus sinensis* var. *condensatus* 'Cosmopolitan' AGM)



Enjoy the view from this bench located downhill to your left.

Photographs: Paul Schmitt



Bald cypress  
(*Taxodium distichum* 'Cascade Falls')

Bald cypress (above) was added to our collections when this garden was created.

Find a complete list of plants in this garden and information about how it was created at [cornellbotanicgardens.org](http://cornellbotanicgardens.org).

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