

## **Getting Bogged Down?**

Summer is upon us, the spring has been a blur of activity. We step outside and the warm sun covers our body. The season of BBQ's, lawn chairs and relaxing by the pond is here. I believe a pond needs to be a piece of paradise, a slice of nature. I don't want to knock formal ponds because I like them as well, but wherever the pond is it needs to be low maintenance and clean.

Natural wetlands filter the earth's water by removing excess nutrients that cause algae growth and remove impurities from the water. Duck's Unlimited has been informing us of the importance of our wetlands and their filtration qualities for years. But only in the last few years has it been considered in pond gardening as a pond filter. A carefully designed bog garden can be a beautiful addition to your garden and pond. With the list of wetland plants growing longer every year it's easier than ever to create a beautiful wetland, while adding to pond filtration. Man made wetlands can be used to efficiently filter water in a liner or earth bottom ponds over 600sq. feet and up to 80,000 sq. feet in size.

God created wetlands as a natural water filter, because it's simply the best way to filter large ponds.