

Plants for Shade

Many gardens have shady places or are totally shaded by large trees and buildings. There are many degrees of shade from dappled under birch trees to deep shade under maples or from buildings. There are plants adapted to grow in shady locations such as deep under a forest canopy. Often these plants will need rich, moist soil, such as what they would have under the trees in the forest. Get to know your site and check plant tags for shade / sun requirements. Try some of these plants for your shade locations.

Perennials

Acontium sp.: monkshood
Aejopodium variegatum: goutweed
Ajuga: bugleflower
Alchemilla mollis: lady's mantle
Aruncus sp.: goatsbeard
Astilbe sp.: gingers
Bergenia: bergenia
Brunnera: brunnera
Convallaria: lily of the valley
Dicentra: bleeding heart
Epimedium: barrenworts
Helleborus: hellebores
Heuchera: coral bells
Hesperis: sweet rocket
Hosta sp.: hosta
Lamium: lamium
Ligularia: ligularia
Mertensia: bluebells
Myosotis: forget-me-not
Pachysandra: Japanese spurge
Phlox divaricata sp.: woodland phlox
Phlox stolonifera: phlox
Polygonatum: Solomon's seal
Primula sp.: primula
Pulmonaria: lungwort
Tiarella: foamflower
Trillium: trillium
Trollius: trollius
Vinca: periwinkle
Ivy
Ferns

Shrubs

Sorbaria sorbifolia: false astilbe
Acer palmatum: Japanese maple
Cornus sp.: dogwood
Kerria japonica: kerria
Chamaecyparis sp.: false cypress
Euonymus sp.: euonymus
Ilex sp.: holly
Ligustrum sp.: ligustrum
Lonicera: honeysuckle
Mahonia sp.: Oregon grape
Pieris sp.: pieris
Taxus sp.: yew
Viburnum sp.: viburnum

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