

Perennial Plants for Shade

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Main Feature</u>	<u>Hardy to Zone</u>	<u>Bloom Time</u>	<u>Shade Type</u>	<u>Drought Tolerance</u>
Aconitum (Monkshood)	Spikes of blue or white flowers	3	variable	1,2	moderate
Aegopodium (Bishops Weed)	Dense carpet, green and white foliage	2	summer	all types	yes
Ajuga reptans (Bugleweed)	Low carpet, many forms	3	spring	all types	moderate
Alchemilla vulgaris (Lady's Mantle)	Rounded, fluted foliage, chartreuse bloom	3	summer	1,2	yes
Anemone (Windflower)	Open clusters of white to pink blooms	4-6	variable	1,2	moderate
Aquilegia (Columbine)	Spurred flowers-many forms, many colors	3	variable	1,2	moderate
Aruncus (Goat's Beard)	Silky white plumes, ferny foliage	4	summer	1,2	no
Asarum (Wild Ginger)	Shiny green foliage	2	spring	all types	moderate
Astilbe chinensis (Pumila)	Fluffy plumes, fern-like foliage	3	summer	1,2	no
Astilbe (False Spirea)	Ferny leaves, fluffy flower plumes	4	variable	1,2	no
Begonia grandis (Hardy Begonia)	Begonia foliage, pendulous flowers	6	late summer	1,2	no
Bergenia cardifolia	Evergreen foliage, pink flowers	2	spring	1,2,3	moderate
Bergenia cordifolia	Evergreen foliage, pink blooms	3	spring	all types	moderate
Brunnera macrophylla	Heart-shaped foliage, sky blue flowers	3	late spring	1,2	yes
Campanula (Bellflower)	Bell-shaped blooms-many forms, many colors	3	variable	1,2	moderate
Campanula carpatica	Low mounds, bell-shaped flowers	3	summer	1,2	moderate
Carex buchananii (Leather-leaf sedge)	Mahogany colored foliage	5	foliage	1,2	moderate
Carex Morrowi (Sedge)	Swirling variegated foliage	5	foliage		
Chasmanthium (latifolium)	Flat panicles on grassy foliage		foliage	1,2	moderate
Chelone (Turtlehead)	Tall spike with white or pink flowers	5	late summer	1,2	moderate
Chrysogonum virginianum (Gold Star)	Yellow flower, low mounds	4	summer	1,2	yes
Cimicifuga (Fairy candles)	Tall white spires	4	variable	1,2	moderate
Convallaria majalis (Lily-of-the-Valley)	White bells, fragrant	3	spring	all types	yes
Deschampsia (Tufted hairgrass)	Arching tufts, fine textured grass		md-lte summer	1,2	no
Dicentra eximia (Bleeding heart)	Fern-like foliage, pink or white flowers	2	summer	1,2	moderate
Dicentra spectabilis (Bleeding heart)	Arches of heart-shaped flowers	2	spring	1,2	no
Digitalis (Foxglove)	Spikes of tubular flowers many forms, colors	3	variable	1,2	variable
Doronicum (Leopard's Bane)	Yellow daisy	2	spring	1,2	moderate
Duchesnea indica (Mock Strawberries)	Strawberry foliage, red berry	3	spring	1,2	moderate
Epimedium (Barrenwort)		4	spring	all types	yes
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Euonymous fortunei (Wintercreeper)	Evergreen foliage	4		all types	yes
Galium oderatum (Sweet Woodruff)	Cartwheel leaves, white flowers	4	spring	1,2	no
Geranium (Hardy Geranium)	Many forms	4-6		1,2	moderate
Hakonechloa	Arching variegated leaves	5	foliage	1,2	no
Hardy Ferns	Many forms	variable	foliage	1,2,3	variable
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Hedera helix (English Ivy)	Evergreen leaves	3	foliage	all types	moderate
Helleborus (lenten or Christmas rose)	Evergreen foliage, early bloom	spring		1,2	moderate
Heuchera (Coral Bells)	Many forms, colors	variable	variable	1,2	moderate
Heucherella	Veined foliage, sprays of pink flowers		summer	1,2	moderate
Hosta	Stately foliage, lily-like flowers	3	late summer	1,2,3	moderate
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Hypericum (St John's Wort)	Med. green, yellow starry flowers	5	summer	1,2	no
Lamiastrum	Variegated foliage, yellow flowers	3	summer	all types	yes
Ligularia (Ragwort)	Large leaves, spikes or daisy yellow flowers	4	variable	1,2	no
Liriope (Lily Turf)	Grassy foliage-purple spike	6	summer	1,2,3	moderate
Liriope	Grass-like clumps, purple spikes	5	summer	all types	moderate
Lobelia (Cardinal Flower)	Spikes of red, blue, pink	variable	summer	1,2	no
Lysimachia (Moneywort)	Creeping mat, yellow flowers	3	summer	1,2	moderate
Mahonia repens	Evergreen foliage, yellow flowers	4	summer	all types	yes

Perennial Ground Covers for Shade (cont.)

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Mertensia virginiana (Virginia Bluebells)	Drooping bell-shaped, blue flowers	3	spring	1,2,3	moderate
Mimulus (Monkey Flower)	Bright colors-tubular flowers	6	variable	1,2	no
Myosotis (Forget-me-not)	Light pink or light blue, reseeds freely	4	summer	1,2	no
Pachysandra terminalis	Shiny green leaves	4	foliage	all types	no
Phlox divaricata (Wood's Phlox)	Blue-white flowers	4	spring	1,2	moderate
Phlox stolonifera	Creeping mat, white, pink, blue	4	spring	1,2	moderate
Polemonium (Jacob's Ladder)	Blue or white clusters of bloom	3	spring	1,2	moderate
Polygonatum (Soloman's Seal)	Arching stems, white flowers	4	spring	1,2,3	moderate
Primula (Primrose)	Many forms, varieties, colors	variable	variable	1,2	variable
Pulmonaria (Lungwort)	Blue to pink flowers, mottled foliage	4	spring	1,2,3	moderate
Pulmonaria (Lungwort)	Spotted foliage, pink or white	4	spring	1,2	moderate
Rodgersia	Palmate foliage	5	summer	1,2	no
Sagina subulata (Irish Moss)	Creeping mat of mossy foliage	4	summer	1,2	moderate
Thalictrum (Meadow Rue)	Columbine-like foliage, pink flowers	variable	variable	1,2	no
Tiarella (Foam Flower)	Veined foliage, creamy spikes	4	summer	1,2	moderate
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Tradescantia (Spiderwort)	Strap-like foliage, many colors	4	summer	1,2	moderate
Trollius (Globe Flower)	Yellow or orange buttercup flowers	3	variable	1,2	no
Vinca Minor (Periwinkle/Myrtle)	Evergreen, blue flowers	4	spring	all types	moderate
Viola	Many forms, many colors	3	spring-summer	1,2	moderate