



Plants that Grow in the Shade

A garden in the shade isn't a problem—it's an opportunity. There are many interesting plants that thrive in full to part shade. By using the right plants you can make a shady corner a highlight in your landscape.

Perennials

Ajuga reptans (Bugleweed)
Anemone sylvestris (Snowdrop Anemone)
Aquilegia spp. (Columbine)
Asarum spp. (Ginger)
Astilbe spp. (False Spirea)
Athyrium spp. (Fern)
Bergenia cordifolia (Pigsqueak)
Brunnera macrophylla (Heartleaf Brunnera)
Carex spp. (Sedge)
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (Leadwort)
Chelone spp. (Turtlehead)
Cimicifuga racemosa (Black Snakeroot)
Dicentra spp. (Bleeding Heart)
Epimedium spp. (Barrenwort)
Galium odoratum (Sweet Woodruff)
Heuchera spp. (Coral Bells)
Hosta spp. (Plantain Lily, Hosta)
Lamiaeum galeobdolon (Yellow Archangel)
Lamium maculatum (Dead Nettle)
Ligularia spp. (Ligularia)
Liriope spp. (Lilyturf)
Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower)
Lysimachia nummularia (Creeping Jenny)
Osmunda spp. (Fern)
Pachysandra spp. (Spurge)
Phlox stolonifera (Creeping Phlox)
Polystichum acrostichoides (Christmas Fern)
Pulmonaria spp. (Lungwort)
Tiarella cordifolia (Foamflower)
Tricyrtis spp. (Toad Lily)
Vinca minor (Periwinkle)

Shrubs

Fothergilla spp. (Fothergilla)
Hydrangea arborescens (Smooth Hydrangea)
Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf Hydrangea)
Ilex spp. (Holly)
Kalmia latifolia (Mountain Laurel)
Leucothoe spp. (Leucothoe)
Mahonia spp. (Oregon Grape Holly, Mahonia)
Microbiota decussata (Russian Juniper)
Rhododendron spp. (Rhododendron, Azalea)
Taxus spp. (Yew)

Trees

Acer palmatum (Japanese Maple)
Aesculus pavia (Red Buckeye)
Amelanchier spp. (Serviceberry)
Cercis spp. (Redbud)
Chionanthus spp. (Fringetree)
Cornus spp. (Dogwood)
Fagus spp. (Beech)
Halesia spp. (Silverbell)
Magnolia virginiana (Sweet Bay Magnolia)
Oxydendrum arboreum (Sourwood)
Parrotia persica (Persian Ironwood)
Stewartia spp. (Stewartia)
Styrax japonica (Japanese Snowbell)

Terms

Full Sun: 6 hours or more of direct sunlight
Full Shade: Fewer than 3 hours of direct sunlight
Partial Sun/Shade: Between 3 and 6 hours of direct sunlight.