



## Plants for Shade Gardens

*Where quality is always growing*

Often a home gardener is faced with the challenge of planting in a location that doesn't receive much direct sunlight. That area may be shaded by mature shade trees or be the northern side of a building. If an area receives less than 6 hours of direct sunlight, it's considered part sun and areas that receive less than 4 hours are considered shade. Here are some plant selections that will do well in part sun to shade locations.

### **Trees**

Beech, European (*Fagus sylvatica*)  
Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)  
Hemlock, Canadian (*Tsuga canadensis*)  
Hornbeam, European (*Carpinus betulus*)  
Kousa Dogwood (*Cornus kousa*)  
Maple, Japanese (*Acer palmatum*)  
Maple, Paperbark (*Acer griseum*)  
Maple, Red (*Acer rubrum*)  
Maple, Sugar (*Acer saccharum*)  
Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)  
Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* spp.)

### **Woody Shrubs**

Azalea, Evergreen\*  
Boxwood (*Buxus*)\*  
Chokeberry, Red (*Aronia arbutifolia*)  
Euonymus (*Euonymus fortunei*)  
Fothergilla (*Fothergilla gardenia*)  
Holly, Evergreen (*Ilex x meserveae*)\*  
Hydrangea, Big Leaf (*Hydrangea macrophylla*)  
Hydrangea, Oakleaf (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)  
Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)  
Pieris (*Pieris japonica*)\*  
Privet (*Ligustrum* spp.)  
Rhododendron  
Russian Cypress (*Microbiota decussata*)  
Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*)\*  
Sweetshrub (*Calycanthus floridus*)  
Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)\*  
Witchhazel (*Hamamelis* spp.)  
Yew (*Taxus* spp.)\*

### **Ground Covers**

Baltic and English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)\*  
Bearberry (*Actostaphylos uva-ursi*)  
Japanese Spurge (*Pachysandra*)\*  
Myrtle-Perriwinkle (*Vinca*)\*  
Lily of The Valley (*Convallaria*)\*  
Sweetwoodruff (*Gallium*)

### **Perennials**

Astilbe  
Bee Balm (*Monarda*)  
Bergenia  
Black Kohosh (*Cimicifuga racemosa*)  
Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra*)  
Brunnera\*  
Bugleweed (*Ajuga*)  
Campanula  
Coral Bells (*Heuchera*)  
Columbine (*Aquilegia*)  
Corydalis  
Cranesbill (*Geranium*)  
Dead Nettle (*Lamium*)\*  
Ferns\*  
Foamflower (*Tiarella*)\*  
Hosta\*  
Lady's Mantle (*Alchemilla*)  
Lenten Rose-Hellebore (*Helleborus*)\*  
Ligularia  
Lungwort (*Pulmonaria*)\*  
Polemonium  
Tradescantia

### **Annuals**

Begonia  
Coleus\*  
Impatiens\*  
Viola  
Torenia\*  
Vinca

### **Ornamental Grasses**

Japanese Forest Grass (*Hakonechloa*)  
Japanese Sedge (*Carex*)

### **Vines**

Climbing Hydrangea (*Hydrangea anom. petiolaris*)  
Boston Ivy (*Parthenocissus*)

\*Better for deep shade.