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Shade Plants

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

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

Shrubs

<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	Fothergilla
<i>Hydrangea arbor.</i>	Hydrangea
<i>Hydrangea quer.</i>	Oakleaf Hydrangea
<i>Ilex</i> spp.	Holly
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain Laurel
<i>Leucothoe</i> spp.	Leucothoe
<i>Mahonia</i> spp.	Oregon Grape Holly
<i>Microbiota decussata</i>	Russian Juniper
<i>Rhododendron</i> spp.	Rhododendron & Azalea
<i>Taxus</i> spp.	Yew

Trees

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

Sources

This sheet has been compiled from experience, information from our suppliers, and information from the Pennsylvania Certified Horticulturist Reference Guide