

## SHADE GARDENING

Beautiful, colorful gardens can be grown in shady areas when proper plant varieties are chosen. Preparation and care of a shade garden is similar to a sunny garden except for watering habits.

There are two basic variations of light for shady areas:

### Light Shade

- Areas shaded by a building or a wall with additional shading from trees
- Landscape areas more heavily shaded by trees, but not deep dark shade

### Dark Shade

*Asterisk (\*) denotes plant will tolerate deeper shade*

Landscape areas under a low canopy of trees with very little light or only some reflected light. This area is often most difficult to plant. However, there are a few plants that will adapt.

Generally plants do not bloom well in dense shade unless they are native to these conditions. Use plants with different textures, leaf color, and form for a very lush appearance.

## Shade Annuals

Begonia spp	Fuchsia	Polka-Dot Plant
Bridal Veil	Impatiens	Streptocarpella
Caladium	Lobelia	Tender Ferns
Coleus	New Guinea Impatiens	Torenia
Elephant Ears	Plectranthus	Wandering Jew

## Shade Perennials

Ajuga - Bugleweed	Galium - Sweet Woodruff	Polemonium - Jacob's Ladder
Alchemilla - Lady's Mantle	Hakonechloa	Polygonatum - Solomon Seal*
Anemone	Hedra Helix - English Ivy*	Primula - Primrose
Aquilegia - Columbine	Helleborus - Lenten Rose*	Pulmonaria - Lungwort
Aruncus - Goat's Beard	Heuchera - Coral Bells	Sagina - Irish Moss
Astilbe	Heucherella - Foamy Bells	Tiarella - Foamflower
Bergenia	Hosta*	Tradescantia - Spiderwort
Brunnera	Lamium	Tricyrtis - Toad Lily
Carex	Ligularia	Vinca - Periwinkle*
Convallaria - Lily of the Valley*	Liriope - Lilyturf*	Viola
Dicentra - Bleeding Heart	Lysimachia - Creeping Jenny	Woodland Wildflowers*
Epimedium - Bishop's Hat*	Myosotis - Forget Me Not	
Ferns*	Pachysandra *	

## Shade Tolerant Trees and Shrubs

Acer palmatum – Japanese Maple  
Aesculus glabra – Ohio Buckeye  
Amelanchier - Serviceberry  
Azalea – Deciduous and Evergreen\*  
Berberis  
Betula nigra  
Buxus – Boxwood  
Callicarpa  
Cercis Canadensis – Redbud  
Chaenomeles  
Chamaecyparis  
Clethra – Summersweet\*  
Cornus controversa – Giant Dogwood  
Cornus florida – Flowering Dogwood  
Cornus kousa – Chinese Dogwood  
Cornus mas – Cornelian Cherry Dogwood  
Corylus  
Cotinus  
Deutzia  
Euonymus  
Fagus Sylvatica  
Fothergilla Gardenii  
Hammamelis - Witchhazel  
Hydrangea macrophylla – Big Leaf

Hydrangea petiolaris – Climbing\*  
Hydrangea quercifolia – Oak Leaf  
Ilex – Holly\*  
Itea – Sweetspire  
Laburnum  
Ligustrum x.Vicaryi  
Lindera  
Liriodendron  
Lonicera ‘Lemon Beauty’\*  
Magnolia virginiana – Sweetbay Magnolia  
Microbiota – Russian Cypress\*  
Nyssa sylvatica – Black Tupelo  
Quercus  
Rhododendron  
Sambucus – Elderberry  
Schizophragma – Japanese Hydrangea  
Spirea japonica  
Stephanandra\*  
Taxus – Yew\*  
Thuja plicata  
Tsuga – Hemlock\*  
Ulmus parvifolia  
Viburnum



## Shade Mixed Container Perennials

Ajuga - Bugleweed  
Anemone ‘Harmony’  
Aruncus – Goat’s Beard  
Astilbe ‘Sprite’  
Carex ‘Evergold’ – Japanese Sedge  
Dicentra – Bleeding Heart  
Ferns  
Hakonechloa  
Heuchera – Coral Bells  
Heuchera ‘Little Cuties’

Heucherella – Foamy Bells  
Hosta – Small and Miniature  
Lamium  
Liriope - Lilyturf  
Lysimachia ‘Aurea’ – Creeping Jenny  
Polemonium – Jacob’s Ladder  
Primula – Hardy Primrose  
Sagina – Irish and Scotch Moss  
Tiarella – Foam Flower  
Viola