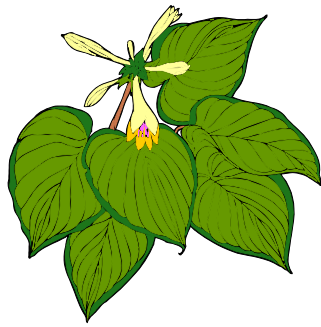


Shade Plants



Shade in the gardening sense is created by many situations, whether it's under a tree, or in the shadow of a building or shade created by neighbouring plants. It is important to choose shade-tolerant plants that can thrive in these situations.

As with any kind of plant, light exposure is just one factor in determining a plant's success in the garden. Good soil, good drainage and sufficient irrigation need to be in place to ensure a healthy shade garden. During soil preparation, add some organic compost to feed the plant and improve drainage. Mulching can aid in retaining moisture in the soil.

If planting underneath trees, be aware that your shade plants are competing with the tree for water and nutrients, so put a regular watering and feed schedule program in place to ensure both your tree and shade plants do not get food or moisture depleted.

If planting under conifers, the soil will tend to be acidic. This may mean altering the soil pH before planting your shade plants, or choose shade



plants that tolerate more acidic soils, such as many woodland species (e.g. Rhododendron).

It is important to analyse the type of shade you have, whether deep, dappled or partial, before choosing the proper shade plant. And shade does mean there is some light exposure, just less than full sun; no plant can survive in total darkness.



Listed below are some suggested plants for shade:

Trees

- Japanese Maples
- Dogwood
- Japanese Stewartia
- Japanese Snowbell
- Windmill Palm

Shrubs and Ground Covers

- Camellia
- Mahonia
- Osmanthus
- Euonymus
- False Holly
- Lily-of-the-Valley Shrub

- Rhododendron
- Dwarf Sweet Box
- David's Viburnum
- Skimmia

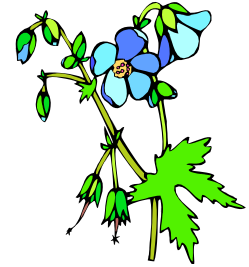
Vines

- Kiwi Vine variegated
- Climbing Hydrangea
- Japanese Hydrangea Vine
- Honeysuckle

Perennials

- White Baneberry, Doll's Eyes
- Western Maidenhair Fern
- Wood Anemone
- Japanese Painted Fern
- Deer Fern
- Campanula

- Bleeding Heart
- Cranesbills (Geranium)
- Cyclamen
- Hellebore
- Lenten Rose
- Hosta
- Iris
- Shield Fern



- Primrose (Primula)
- Lungwort (Pulmonaria)
- Saxifrage
- Astrantia
- Heuchera
- Heartleaf Brunnera
- Astilbe
- Tiarella

Grasses and Sedges

- Sweetflag
- Bowles' Golden Sedge
- Variegated Sedge
- Mondo Grass

Annuals

- Impatien (incl. Double & New Guinea)
- Non-Stop & Wax Begonia
- Browallia
- Torenia
- Streptocarpella
- Fuchsia
- Coleus
- Lobelia
- Alyssum