

Plants for Dry Shade

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Botanical Name	Common Name	Zone	Lite	Soil	Height	Blooms:
shade: full sun						
shade: part shade						
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Seasonal part shade						
Our blank canvas						
Municipal compost						
Layout curves with a hose						
Raised bed edged with cobbles						
Laying out the bed						
Cheating the well driller						
Coleus		A	☉	Moist, well drained		
Digitalis purpurea	Common Foxglove	4	☉☉	Moist, well drained	30-48"	06-07
Allium cernuum	Nodding Onion	3-8	☉☉	Well drained to dry	12-24"	06-07
Amsonia tabernaemontana	Blue Star	3-9	☉☉	Well drained	24-36"	05-06
Aquilegia caerulea	Rocky Mountain Columbine	3-10	☉☉	Well drained	18-30"	05-06
Aquilegia wild hybrid	Columbine	3-9	☉☉	Well drained to dry	24-36"	05-06
Aralia nudicaulis	Wild Sarsaparilla	4-8	☉☉●	Moist to dry	16-24"	05-06
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Weed	5-9	☉☉	Moist to dry	12-30"	07-08
Aster cordifolius	Heart-leaved Aster	4-9	☉●	Well drained or dry	24-36"	09-10
Aster divaricatus	White Wood Aster	4-8	☉●	Dry to moist	12-24"	08-09
Aster laevis	Smooth Aster	4-8	☉☉	Well drained or dry	24-40"	08-09
Aster linariifolius	Bristly Aster	3-8	☉☉	Dry, sandy	06-24"	09
Baptisia australis	Blue Wild Indigo	3-10	☉☉	Moist, well drained	30-50"	05-06
Boltonia asteroides		3-8	☉☉	Well drained	36-60"	08-09
Centaurea montana	Mountain Bluet	3-10	☉☉	Well drained	12-24"	05-06
Corydalis cheilanthifolia	Ferny Corydalis	3-6	☉●	Moist, well drained	8-12"	05-07
Corydalis lutea	Yellow Corydalis	5-9	☉●	Moist, well drained	12-18"	05-10
Corydalis ochroleuca	Creamsicle Corydalis	5-9	☉●	Moist, well drained	12-18"	05-10
Cyclamen hederifolium	Hardy Cyclamen	5-7	☉	Well drained, limey	4-6"	09-10
Euphorbia amygdaloides 'Purpurea'	Wood Spurge	5-8	☉☉	Well drained	12-24"	05-06

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<i>Geranium macrorrhizum</i> 'Album'	Bigroot Geranium	3-10	☉☉	Moist, well drained	12-18"	05-06
<i>Helianthus strumosus</i>	Pale-leaved Sunflower	4-8	☉☉	Well drained to dry	36-84"	08-10
<i>Helleborus niger</i> 'Maximus'	'Maximus' Christmas Rose	4-9	☉☉●	Moist, rich	12"	02-05
<i>Helleborus x hybridus</i> (orientalis)	Lenten Rose	4-9	☉●	Moist, rich	16-24"	03-06
<i>Heuchera americana</i>	Alumroot	4-8	☉☉	Moist, well drained	24-36"	05-06
<i>Hieracium venosum</i>	Rattlesnake Weed	3-10	☉☉	Dry, gravelly	12-18"	04-06
<i>Hosta</i> 'Abba Dabba Do'		3-8	☉●	Moist	24"	07-08
<i>Hosta</i> 'Tokudama Flavocircinalis'		3-8	☉●	Moist	24"	07-08
<i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>	Yellow Star Grass	4	☉☉	Moist to dry	06-10"	06-08
<i>Lilium philadelphicum</i>	Wood Lily	4-8	☉☉	Well drained to dry	24-36"	06-07
<i>Monarda didyma</i> 'Jacob Cline'	Bee Balm	4-10	☉☉	Moist	36-48"	06-07
<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	Eastern Prickly Pear	4-9	☉☉	Dry	08-12"	06
<i>Penstemon australis</i>	Southern Beardtongue	5-8	☉☉	Well drained	18-30"	06
<i>Persicaria virginiana filiformis</i> 'Painter's Palette'	Fleece Flower	6-9	☉☉	Moist	24-36"	08-09
<i>Polygonatum pubescens</i>	Hairy Solomon's Seal	4-9	☉●	Moist	18-30"	05
<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i> var. alba	White Pasqueflower	6-9	☉☉	Dry or well drained	06-14"	04-05
<i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i> var. rubra	Red Pasqueflower	6-9	☉☉	Dry or well drained	06-14"	04-05
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> 'Goldsturm'	Black-eyed Susan	3-10	☉☉	Moist, well drained	24-36"	07-10
<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>	False Solomon's Seal	3-9	☉	Moist to dry	18-36"	05-06
<i>Solidago caesia</i>	Blue Stemmed Goldenrod	4-10	☉	Moist to dry	12-36"	08-10
<i>Stokesia laevis</i>	Stoke's Aster	5-10	☉☉	Moist, well drained	12-24"	06-07
<i>Viola fimbriatula</i>	Ovate Leaved Violet	3	☉☉	Well drained	6"	05
<i>Viola pedata</i>	Birdfoot Violet	3-8	☉☉	Well drained	04-6"	04-05
<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>	Hay-scented Fern	3-7	☉☉●	Moist to dry	24"	d
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas Fern	4-8	☉●	Rich, well drained	20-30"	e
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Fern		☉☉●	Moist to dry	18-24"	d
<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>		4-8	☉●	Well drained to dry	6-12"	
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Northern Sea Oats	5-8	☉☉	Well drained to dry	36"	
<i>Luzula nivea</i>	Snowy Wood Rush	3-8	☉●	Moist, well drained	24"	
<i>Anemone quinquefolia</i>	Wood Anemone	4-7	☉	Moist, well drained	04-8"	04-05
<i>Anemone ranunculoides</i>	Yellow Windflower	4-8	☉	Moist, well drained	04-8"	04-05

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Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Bearberry	2-6(8)	☉☉	Dry	06-12"	04-05
Chimaphila maculata	Striped Pipsissewa	4-8	☉●	Rich	04-8"	06-08
Chrysogonum virginianum	Green and Gold	5-10	☉☉	Moist well drained	04-16"	05-06
Convallaria majalis var. rosea	Pink Lily-of-the-Valley	2-7	☉●	Moist	6-12"	05-06
Epimedium x rubrum	Barrenwort	4-8	☉●	Moist, rich	12-18"	04-05
Epimedium x versicolor 'Sulphureum'	Barrenwort	4-8	☉●	Moist, rich	12-18"	04-05
Lamium maculatum cultivars	Dead Nettle	4-9	☉●	Moist to dry	4-8"	05-09
Maianthemum canadense	Canada Mayflower	3-7	☉●	Moist to dry	02-3"	05
Mitchella repens	Partridgeberry	3-9	☉●	Moist to dry	02"	06
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia Creeper	3-9	☉☉●	Moist to dry	30-50'	06-07
Pyrola rotundifolia	Round-leaved Shinleaf	3-8	☉●	Moist to dry	02-4"	07
Tiarella cordifolia	Foamflower	3-9	☉●	Moist	08-12"	05
Xanthorhiza simplicissima	Yellowroot	4-8	☉●	Moist, well drained	24"	05-06
Aralia elata 'Variegata'	Variegated Japanese Angelica	3	☉☉	Moist to dry	30-50'	07-08
Clethra alnifolia	Summersweet	3-9	☉☉●	Moist, well drained	3-8'	07-08
Comptonia peregrina	Sweetfern	2-6	☉☉	Moist to dry	24-48"	04-05
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood	5-9	☉	Well drained to dry	8-25'	04-05
Diervilla sessilifolia	Southern Bush-honeysuckle	5-8	☉☉●	Moist to dry	3-5'	07-08
Halesia tetraptera	Carolina Silverbell	5-10	☉☉	Moist, rich	to 30'	05
Hamamelis virginiana	Witch hazel	3-8	☉	Moist to dry	12-25'	11
Kalmia angustifolia	Sheep Laurel	1-6	☉☉	Moist to dryish	12-36"	06-07
Kalmia latifolia	Mountain Laurel	4-9	☉☉●	Moist to dryish	7-15'	05-06
Rhododendron 'PJM'		4-8	☉☉	Moist, well drained	3-6'	04-05
Taxus baccata cvs.	English Yew	5-7	☉☉●	Moist, well drained	Varies	
Vaccinium angustifolium	Lowbush Blueberry	2-6	☉☉	Dry, acid	8-24"	04-05
Viburnum acerifolium	Maple-leaved Viburnum	4-8	☉	Moist to dry	6'	05-06