

Shade-Tolerant Plants



Shaded areas in your landscape can be some of the most difficult planting sites for success. Choosing shade-tolerant plants can add life to those dark areas, as well as provide vivid color.

Shrubs

- Berberis (*Barberry*)
- Buxus (*Boxwood*)
- Clethra alnifolia (*Summersweet*)
- Hydrangea quercifolia (*Oakleaf Hydrangea*)
- Leucothoe
- Rhamnus (*Buckthorn*)
- Serviceberry
- Taxus (*Yew*)
- Thuja occidentalis (*Arborvitae*)
- Viburnum (*many varieties*)

Trees

- Acer Palmatum (*Japanese Maple*)
- Cercis canadensis (*Redbud*)
- Cornus (*Dogwood*)
- Tsuga (*Hemlock*)

Tips:

Regular Care

Your plants may not need a lot of sun, but they still need water, mulch and fertilizer. Also, keep an eye out for pests, like slugs, that prefer shady conditions.

Add Variety

Consider including some variegated foliage and annuals that do well in the shade, like begonias and impatiens.

Perennials

- Aegopodium
- Anemone
- Ajuga
- Aquilegia (*Columbine*)
- Astilbe
- Celastrus scandens (*Bittersweet*)
- Dicentra (*Bleeding Heart*)
- Ferns
- Hedera helix (*Ivy*)
- Heuchera
- Hosta
- Houttuynia cordata 'Chameleon'
- Hypericum (*St. John's Wort*)
- Hydrangea petiolaris (*Hydrangea Vine*)
- Lenten Rose
- Lysimachia
- Lythrum
- Monarda (*Bee Balm*)
- Vinca Minor (*Myrtle/Periwinkle*)



Buckthorn



Dogwood



Astilbe