

Flowers for Shade

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Note: most prefer full sun but tolerate part shade (4-8 hours of sun a day); (S) are those good in full shade (4 hours or less of full sun, or filtered sun). Ferns should also be considered for moist shade.

PERENNIALS

Low (up to about 1 foot in height)		
Botanical and Common Name	Flower Color	Other Notable Features
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> (Carpet Bugle)	Blue	Good foliage (S)
<i>Anchusa ssp.</i> (Bugloss)	Blue	12 - 36"
<i>Asarum europaeum</i> (European Wildginger)	---	Good foliage (S)
<i>Asperula odorata</i> (Sweet Woodruff)	White	Good foliage
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i> (Blue Leadwort)	Blue	9"
<i>Convallaria majalis</i> (Lily-of-the-Valley)	White	Good foliage, fragrant (S)
<i>Geranium sanguineum</i> (Bloodred Geranium)	Red, purple	Good foliage
<i>Lamium maculatum</i> (Spotted Deadnettle)	Lavender, white	Good foliage (S)
<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i> (Forget-me-not)	Blue	---
<i>Primula species</i> (Primroses)	Various	---
<i>Pulmonaria</i> (Lungwort)	Pink to blue	(S)
<i>Sedum spp.</i> (Stonecrop)	Various	---
<i>Stachys olympica</i> (Lamb's Ears)	Pink	Good foliage
<i>Tiarella</i> (Foamflower)	White	(S)
<i>Vinca minor</i> (Myrtle, Periwinkle)	Blue	Good foliage (S)
<i>Viola species</i> (viola)	Violet	(S)

Medium (1 1/2 to 3 feet in height)		
Botanical and Common Name	Flower Color	Other Notable Features
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i> (Lady's Mantle)	Yellowish	Nice foliage when wet
<i>Astilbe arendsii</i> (Astilbe)	Red, pink, white	Good foliage
<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i> (Heartleaf Bergenia)	Pink	Good foliage
<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>	Blue	(S)
<i>Campanula spp.</i> (Bellflowers)	Purple, various	---
<i>Dicentra eximia</i> (Fringed Bleeding-Heart)	Pink	Good foliage (S)
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i> (Common Bleeding Heart)	Red, white	---
<i>Dodecatheon meadia</i> (Common Shootingstar)	White, pink	---
<i>Epimedium spp.</i> (Barrenwort)	White, yellow, red	Good foliage

<i>Filipendula hexapetala</i> (Dropwort)	White	Good foliage
<i>Helleborus</i> spp. (Hellebore)	White, pink	Good foliage
<i>Hemerocallis</i> (Daylily)	Yellow, orange, red	Few flowers in shade
<i>Heuchera</i> cultivars (Coral Bells)	Red, pink, white	Good foliage
<i>Hosta</i> spp. (Plantain-Lily)	Lavender, white, blue	Good foliage (S)
<i>Iris kaempferi</i> (Japanese Iris)	Red, purple, white	---
<i>Iris sibirica</i> (Siberian Iris)	Red, purple, white	Good foliage
<i>Lysimachia</i> spp. (Loosestrife)	White, yellow	May be invasive
<i>Mertensia virginica</i> (Bluebells)	Blue	---
<i>Phlox divaricata</i> (Blue Phlox)	Blue, white	Fragrant
<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i> (Jacob's Ladder)	Blue, white	Good foliage
<i>Tradescantia</i> spp. (Spiderwort)	Blue, white, purple	---
<i>Trollius</i> spp. (Globeflower)	Yellow, orange	---

Tall (more than 3 feet in height)

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<i>Aconitum</i> spp. (Monkshood)	Blue, purple	Good foliage
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i> (Cohosh Bugbane)	White	Good foliage
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i> (Common Foxglove)	Lavender, purple, white	---
<i>Fillipendula rubra</i> (Prairie Meadowsweet)	Red, white, pink	---
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> (Cardinal Flower)	Red	---
<i>Monarda didyma</i> (Beebalm)	Red, pink, white	Fragrant
<i>Thalictrum</i> spp. (Meadowrue)	Pink, lavender, white, yellow	---
<i>Valeriana officinalis</i> (Garden Heliotrope)	White, lavender	Fragrant

ANNUALS (or plants treated as annuals) - for light shade

Forget-me-not (*Myosotis*)

Pansy

Wishbone Flower (*Torenia*)

Balsam

Begonia (tuberous & fibrous rooted)

Browallia

Calendula

Coleus (older cultivars)

Impatiens (not New Guinea)

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