

Shade Tolerant Plants



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Trees
Acer circinatum • Vine Maple **
Acer palmatum • Japanese Maple
Acer saccharum • Sugar Maple
Amelanchier alnifolia • Serviceberry **
Aralia elata • Japanese Angelic Tree
Arbutus unedo • Strawberry Tree **
Pinus sylvestris • Scotch Pine **
Carpinus betulus • European Hornbeam
Cercidiphyllum japonicum • Katsura Tree
Cercis • Redbud Tree
Cornus • Dogwood
Fagus sylvatica • Beech
Halesia • Snowdrop Tree
Juniperus • Juniper
Pinus sylvestris • Scotch Pine **
Stewartia pseudocamellia • Japanese Stewartia
Styrax japonica • Snowbell
Taxus • Yew
Thuja • Cedar
Tsuga heterophylla • Western Hemlock

Groundcovers, Ferns, Perennials, Vines
Astilbe
Bergenia **
Carex • Grass
Cornus canadensis • Buchberry
Cotoneaster **
Dicentra • Bleeding Hearts **
Dryopteris (Fern) **
Gaultheria procumbens • Wintergreen
Hedera helix • English Ivy **
Helleborus
Hypericum calycinum • St. John's Wort **
Pachysandra terminalis • Japanese Spurge **
Parthenocissus tricuspidata (Vine) • Boston Ivy **
Polypodium (Fern) **
Polystichum munitum (Fern) **
Vinca minor • Periwinkle **

Shrubs
Aucuba japonica • Japanese Laurel (best in full shade) **
Azalea japonica **
Berberis • Barberry
Buxus sempervirens • Common Boxwood **
Chaenomeles • Japanese Quince **
Cornus alba • Shrub Dogwood
Corylus • Filbert/Hazel **
Hedera helix • English Ivy
Hydrangea sp
Ilex aquifolium • English Holly **
Ilex crenata • Japanese Holly
Leucothoe • Fetter Bush
Lonicera • Honeysuckle
Mahonia aquifolium • Oregon Grape **
Nandina domestica • Heavenly Bamboo **
Osmarea burkwoodii • Osmarea
Photinia fraseri • Photinia
Prunus • Laurels
Pyracantha • Firethorn
Sarcococca • Himalayan Sweet Box **
Vaccinium ovatum • Evergreen Huckleberry **
Viburnum tinus • Spring Bouquet Viburnum

**Plants that tolerate dry shade

Please note that the plants listed in this section will survive but not necessarily thrive. Flowering and fruiting will likely be less than abundant. If possible amend your soil with organic matter to increase water retention.