

### **Shade Terms defined**

**Partial Shade** = between 4-6 hours of direct sunlight a day

**Full Shade** – less than 4 hours of direct sunlight a day

**Deep Shade** – No sunlight like under an evergreen

**Dappled Shade** – mostly sun free, but very bright like under tall trees

**Dry Shade** – Very dry soil. - New plants will still need to be watered until established, and these plants may not flourish if completely ignored. Make sure soil is properly enriched as dry soil is often very poor.

**Moist Shade** – Very wet – often standing water in winter, soil even moist in summer.

- **\* Denotes full shade**

### **Annuals for Partial Shade**

Diascia  
 Bachelor button (Centaurea)  
 Nasturtium (Tropaeolum)  
 Forget-me-not (Myosotis)  
 Pinks (Dianthus)  
 Cosmos (Cosmos bipinnatus)  
 Pansy/Viola (Viola spp.) – full shade in summer  
 Foxglove (Digitalis)  
 Garden Basalm (Impatiens balsamina)  
 Lobelia (Lobelia erinus)  
 Sweet Alyssum (Lobularia maritima)  
 Flowering Tobbacco (Nicotiana alata)  
 Martha Washinton Geranium (Pelargonium x domesticum)  
 Elephant ear (Colocasia)  
 Dusty Miller  
 Bacopa  
 Snapdragon  
 Floss Flower (Ageratum)  
 Wishbone Flower (Torrenia)



Foxglove

### **Annuals for Full Shade**

Begonias (Begonia spp.)  
 Caladium (Caladium bicolor)  
 Coleus (Coleus spp.)  
 Fuschia (Fuschia)  
 Impatiens (Impatiens wallerana)  
 Monkey Flower - Mimulus hybrids – likes moist  
 New Guinea impatiens (Impatiens x hawkeri)



Impatiens

### **Groundcovers for Partial Shade**

Blue star Flower (Amsonia)  
 Blue star creeper (Isotoma) – very robust  
 Bellflower - Campanula  
 Cotyledon (Choastophyllum)  
 Evergreen Candytuft (Iberis)  
 English daisy (Bellis perenis)  
 Heronsbill (Erodium)  
 Irish/Scotch Moss (Sagina Subulata)  
 Rupturwort (Herniaria)  
 Saxifrage (Saxifraga spp.)



Blue star Creeper

### **Ground covers for Full Shade**

Bugleweed (Ajuga reptans)  
 Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia)-very robust  
 Golden star (Chrydogonum)



Wild Ginger

Wild Ginger (Asarum)

**Moist Shade Groundcover**

- \*Snow on the Mountain (Aegopodium) – robust
- \*Wintergreen (Gautheria sp.)
- Mountain Bluets (Houstonia)
- Chameleon plant (Houttuynia)- robust



Snow on the Mountain

**Groundcovers for dry shade**

- Barren strawberry (Waldsteinia) evergreen
- \*Bishop's hat, or barrenwort (Epimedium x versicolor)
- \*Bunchberry (Cornus canadensis)
- Creeping Oregon Grape (Mahonia spp.)
- Creeping Raseberry (Rubus calycioides)
- \*Dead nettle (Lamium/Lamiastrum spp.) robust
- \*Heart-leaved bergenia/Elephant ear (Bergenia cordifolia) evergreen
- \*Ivy (Hedera Helix) - evergreen
- \*Japanese Spurge (pachysandra spp.) - evergreen
- Kinnikinnick (Arctostaphylos uva-ursi)
- Labrador Violet (Viola labradorica)
- Lily of the Valley - (Convallaria majalis) robust in normal soil conditions
- Lily Turf (Iriope)
- \*Periwinkle (Vinca spp.) - evergreen
- Rockcress - Aubretia DRY
- St. John's Wort - (Hypericum spp.)
- \*Sweet woodruff (Gallium odoratum)
- Wintercreeper (Euonymus fortunei) - evergreen
- wood strawberry (Fragaria vesca)
- \*wood sorrel (Oxalis oregana)

**Shade Bulbs** - Under Deciduous trees only

- Allium spp.
- Bluebells (Scilla spp.)
- Crocus
- Cyclamen hederifolium
- Daffodil (Narcissus spp.)
- Snowdrop
- Windflower (Anemone blanda)



Cyclamen

**Partial Shade Perennials**

- Alstroemeria
- Angelica spp.
- Anemone spp.
- Artemesia spp.
- Avens (Geum)
- Beebalm (Monarda)
- Black Cohosh (Cimicifuga racemosa)
- Bugbane Cimicifuga simplex
- Boltons Aster (Boltonia)
- Butterfly Gaura (Gaura)
- Calamint (Calamentha)
- Cranesbill (Geranium spp.)
- Columbine (Aquilegia spp.)
- Corydalis spp.
- Daylily (Hermocallis)
- Dracena
- False Solomon's Seal (Smilacina racemosa)
- Globe Flower (Trollius)
- Goatsbeard (Aruncus)
- Hardy fuschia (Fuschia spp.)



Bugbane

Hardy Orchid – (Bletilla)  
 Hardy Gloxinia (Incarvillea)  
 Hyssop (Agastache spp.)  
 Iris - most species  
 Jacob's-ladder (Polemonium caeruleum)  
 Leopards Bane (Doronicum spp.)  
 Masterwort (Astrantia)  
 Monkey/Mondo Grass (Ophiopogon japonicus)  
 Meadow Rue (Thalictrum spp.)  
 Shasta Daisy (Leucanthemum)  
 Monkshood (Aconitum spp.)  
 Primrose, Polyanthus (Primula spp.)  
 Virginia Bluebells (Mertensia virginica)  
 Solomon's Seal (Polygonatum spp.)  
 Shooting star (Dodecatheon)  
 Toad Lily (Tricyrtis hirta)



Solomon's Seal

### **Full Shade Perennials**

Bleeding Heart (Dicentra spp.)  
 Dropwort (Filipendula spp.)  
 Liverleaf (Hepatica)  
 Pulmonaria angustifolia - Lungwort  
 Pteridium aquilinum - Bracken Fern  
 Spiderwort (Tradescantia)  
 \*Trillium spp.



Pulmonaria angustifolia

### **Moist Shade Perennials**

\*Astilbe spp.  
 Bugloss - Brunnera  
 Cardinal Flower (Lobelia cardinalis)  
 Gunnera (Gunnera)  
 Loosestrife (Lysimachia punctata)  
 Mayapple (Darmera)  
 Marsh marigold (Caltha)  
 Swamp milkweed (Asclepias perennis)  
 Turtlehead (Chelone lyonii)  
 Ragwort (Ligularia spp.)  
 Ferns Most Varieties



Cardinal Flower

### **Dry Shade Perennial**

Agave (Agave)  
 Arum (Arum italicum)  
 Bearded Tongue (Pentstemon)  
 Blue eyed Grass (sisyrinchium)  
 Big-root geranium (Geranium macrorrhizum)  
 Coral Bells - Heuchera - some species - evergreen  
 Cranebill (Geranium phaeum)  
 Foxglove (Digitalis spp.)  
 Hosta (hosta spp.)  
 \*Iris foetidissima  
 Japanese Iris (Iris japonica)  
 Jack Frost (Brunnera spp.)  
 Lady's Mantle (Alchemilla vulgaris)  
 Lenten Rose - (Helleborus spp.) - evergreen  
 Lily of the Nile (Agapanthus)  
 Sedges (Carex) - Some species  
 Spurges - (Euphorbia spp.)  
 Snowy Woodrush (Luzula spp.) - evergreen  
 Yellow lungwort (Symphytum grandiflorum)  
 Ferns Most Varieties



Brunnera



Climbing Hydrangea

### **Shade Vines**

Climbing hydrangea (*Hydrangea anomala* subspecies *petiolaris*)  
Clematis - shaded roots, sunny heads

### **Dry Shade Vines**

\*Ivy (*Hedera Helix*) - evergreen, robust  
Japanese Honeysuckle - (*Lonicera japonica*) - semi-evergreen  
Boston ivy (*parthenocissus tricuspidata*)



Boston ivy

### **Shade Shrubs**

Camellia spp.  
\*Fatsia (*Fatsia*)  
\*Japanese Acuba (*Acuba* spp.)  
Osmanthus spp.  
Lily of the Valley shrub (*Pieris* spp.)  
Leucothoe  
Hydrangea spp.  
Weigelia spp.  
Viburnum spp.  
Flowering Current (*Ribes*)  
Yew  
Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia*)  
Mexican Mock Orange (*Choisia* spp.)



Flowering Currant

### **Dry Shade Shrubs**

\*Aralia (*Eleutherococcus sieboldianus*)  
Australian Fuschia (*Correa*)  
blackhaw viburnum (*V. prunifolium*)  
\*Boxwood - (*Buxus* spp.) - evergreen  
\*Butchers broom (*Ruscus*)  
\*California Laurel (*Umbellularia californica*)  
Chinese Lilac (*Syringa x chinensis*)  
Elderberry (*Sambucus* spp.)  
\*English Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*)  
Flowering Quince (*Chaenomeles speciosa*)  
Forsythia (*Forsythia* spp.)  
\*Heavenly Bamboo - (*Nandina* spp.)  
\*Holly - (*Ilex* spp.) - evergreen  
\*Himalayan Sweet Box (*Sarcococa*) - evergreen  
Indian Hawthorn (*Raphiolepis indica*)  
Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*)  
Maple-leaf viburnum (*V. acerifolium*)  
\*Oregon Grape - (*Mahonia* spp.) - evergreen  
Rose of Sharon (*Hypericum calycinum*)  
\*Salal (*Gautheria*) - evergreen  
\*Skimmia (*Skimmia japonica*) - evergreen  
snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*)  
Western Redbud (*cercis occidentalis*)  
Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis* spp.)  
\*Winter Daphne (*Daphne Odorata*) - evergreen



Mahonia

### **Partial Shade Trees**

Dogwood (*cornus* spp.)  
Japanese Maples (*Acer Palmatum*)  
Podocarpus  
Strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*)  
Vine Maple (*Acer circinatum*)



Japanese Aralia