Plants for Dry Shade

Lack of sunlight, tree roots, lack of nutrients, and competition for moisture make dry shade locations difficult to plant. To increase moisture retention, amend the soil with organic matter and mulch 2-4 inches deep. Below is a list of plants that do well in dry shade conditions.

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| **Perennials** | |
| *Alchemilla mollis*  *Aquilegia*  *Brunnera macrophylla*  *Callirhoe involucrata*  *Campanula*  *Geranium spp.*  *Heuchera spp.*  *Heucherella spp.*  *Helleborus spp.*  *Iberis sermpervirens*  *Lamium maculatum*  *Mahonia repens*  *Origanum libanoticum* | Lady’s Mantle  Columbine  Brunnera  Winecups  Bellflower  Geranium  Coral Bells  Foamy Bells  Lenten Rose  Candytuft  Dead Nettle  Creeping Oregon Grape  Hopflower Oregano |

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| **Ground Covers** | |
| *Ajuga reptans*  *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*  *Cerastium tomentosum*  *Gallium odoratum*  *Thymus spp.*  *Veronica liwanensis*  *Vinca minor & major* | Carpet Bugle  Kinnikinnick  Snow in Summer  Sweet Woodruff  Creeping Thyme  Turkish Veronica  Periwinkle |

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| **Shrubs & Woody Vines** | | | |
| *Arctostaphylos x*  *Berberis fendleri*  *Cotoneaster horizontalis*  *Euonymus alatus*  *Jamesia americana*  *Lonicera spp.*  *Mahonia aquifolium*  *Physocarpus spp.* | Manzanita  Fendler’s Barberry  Rock Cotoneaster  Burning Bush  Waxflower  Honeysuckle  Oregon Grape  Ninebark | *Rhus spp.*  *Ribes spp.*  *Rosa glauca*  *Rosa woodsii*  *Rubus deliciosus*  *Symphoricarpos spp.*  *Viburnum ‘Mohican’* | Sumac  Currant  Redleaf Rose  Wood’s Rose  Thimbleberry  Snowberry & Coralberry  Mohican Viburnum |

