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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.

Perennials	
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	Lady's Mantle
<i>Aquilegia</i>	Columbine
<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>	Brunnera
<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>	Winecups
<i>Campanula</i>	Bellflower
<i>Geranium spp.</i>	Geranium
<i>Heuchera spp.</i>	Coral Bells
<i>Heucherella spp.</i>	Foamy Bells
<i>Helleborus spp.</i>	Lenten Rose
<i>Iberis sermpervirens</i>	Candytuft
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	Dead Nettle
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Creeping Oregon Grape
<i>Origanum libanoticum</i>	Hopflower Oregano
Ground Covers	
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Carpet Bugle
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Kinnikinnick
<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow in Summer
<i>Gallium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff
<i>Thymus spp.</i>	Creeping Thyme
<i>Veronica liwanensis</i>	Turkish Veronica
<i>Vinca minor & major</i>	Periwinkle

Shrubs & Woody Vines

<i>Arctostaphylos x</i>	Manzanita	<i>Rhus spp.</i>	Sumac
<i>Berberis fendleri</i>	Fendler's Barberry	<i>Ribes spp.</i>	Currant
<i>Cotoneaster horizontalis</i>	Rock Cotoneaster	<i>Rosa glauca</i>	Redleaf Rose
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Burning Bush	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Wood's Rose
<i>Jamesia americana</i>	Waxflower	<i>Rubus deliciosus</i>	Thimbleberry
<i>Lonicera spp.</i>	Honeysuckle	<i>Symphoricarpos spp.</i>	Snowberry & Coralberry
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon Grape	<i>Viburnum 'Mohican'</i>	Mohican Viburnum
<i>Physocarpus spp.</i>	Ninebark		