

**PLANTS FOR SHADE GARDENS**

|               |                   |               |              |          |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|
| B = bulb      | Bi = biennial     | A = annual    | Cl = climber | T = tree |
| P = perennial | Gc = ground cover | E = evergreen | Sh = shrub   |          |

|          |  |              |   |
|----------|--|--------------|---|
| E-Sh     | Abelia grandiflora (partial shade)                   | Gc           | Covallaria mahalis (heavy shade)  |
| Gc<br>E  | Akiga reptans (partial shade)                        | Gc<br>T<br>T | Cornus Canadensis (partial shade)<br>Cornus florida (partial shade)<br>Cornus Kousa (partial shade) |
| T        | Amelanchier canadensis (partial shade)               | P            | Corydalis lutea (partial shade)   |
| P        | Aquilegia Canadensis (partial shade)                 | P            | Cypripedium-the lady's slipper (heavy shade)  |
| P        | Anemone Japonica (little shade)                      | P            | Dicentra spectabilis<br>D. exima (partial shade)  |
| Sh       | Aronia arbutifolia (partial shade)                   | Bi           | Digitalis purpurea (partial shade)<br>Endymion Hispanicus   |
| P        | Aruncus dioicus (partial shade)                      | Gc           | Epimedium grandiflorum<br>E. X Rubrum (heavy shade)   |
| P        | Astilbe (partial shade)                              | B            | Eranthis hyemalis (heavy shade)   |
| Sh       | Azalea (partial shade)                               | B            | Erythronium americanum (heavy shade)  |
| A        | Begonia (partial shade)                              | Gc           | Euonymous fortunei coloratus (partial shade)  |
| Gc       | Bergenia cordifolia (partial shade)                  | Sh           | Fothergilla gardenii<br>F. mahor (partial shade)  |
| P        | Brunnera macrophylla (heavy shade)                   | B            | Fritillaria meleagris (partial shade)   |
| Sh<br>Ev | Camellia Japonica (partial shade)                    | Gc           | Gaultheria procumbens<br>Winter berry (partial shade)   |
| P        | Campanula (partial shade)                            | P            | Geranium maculatum (partial shade)  |
| T        | Cercis Canadensis (partial shade)                    | Gc<br>Ev     | Hedera helix (heavy shade)  |
| T        | Chionanthus virginicus (partial shade)               | B            | Muscari (partial shade)   |
| P        | Cimicifuga racemosa (partial shade)                  | P            | Myosotis sylvatica<br>Forget-me-not (little shade)  |
| Sh       | Clethra alnifolia ( little shade)                    | A            | Nicotiana alata (little shade)  |
| P        | Helleborus niger the Christmas rose (partial shade)  | P            | Oenothera missourensis (partial shade)  |
| P        | Hemerocallis fulva<br>Orange daylily (partial shade) | P            | Osmunda - cinnamon fern (heavy shade)   |
| P        | Heuchera - coral bells (little shade)                | Gc           | Pachysandra (partial shade)   |
| P        | Hosta (heavy shade)<br>Hepatica Americana            | Cl           | Parthenocissus (little shade)   |

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|----|---|----|---|
| Cl | Hydrangea anomala petiolaris<br>(partial shade)       |    |   |
| Sh | H. quercifolia - oakleaf<br>(partial shade)           | P  | Phlox divaricata (partial shade)                                |
| Sh | H. paniculata grandiflora<br>(partial shade)          |    |   |
| Sh | H. macrophylla (partial shade)                        |    |   |
| Sh | Ilex opaca (partial shade)                            |    |   |
| E  | I. aquifolium (partial shade)                         | Sh | Pieris Japonica (partial shade)                                 |
| Sh | I. verticillata (partial shade)                       |    |   |
| A  | Impatiens (heavy shade)                               | P  | Platycodon gradiflora (partial shade)                           |
| P  | Iris cristata (heavy shade)                           | P  | Primula (heavy shade)   |
| Sh | Kalmia latifolia (partial shade)                      | P  | Pulmonaria (heavy shade)  |
| E  |   |    |   |
| P  | Lamium maculatum<br>(heavy shade)                     | B  | Puschkinia (partial shade)                                      |
| P  | Lamiastrum (heavy shade)                              | Sh | Rhododendron carolinum<br>(heavy shade)                         |
| E  |   |    |   |
| B  | Lilium candidum<br>(partial shade)                    | P  | Salvia splendens<br>Scilla siberica (partial shade)             |
| B  | L. Canadensis (partial shade)                         |    |   |
| B  | L. superbum (partial shade)                           |    |   |
| P  | Lobelia cardinalis<br>(partial shade)                 | Sh | Skimmia Japonica (partial shade)                                |
| A  | Lobularia maritime<br>Sweet alyssum<br>(little shade) | Sh | Taxus Canadensis, Sanfuinara canadens (partial<br>shade)        |
|    |   | E  | T. cuspidate (partial shade)                                    |
| Cl | Lonicera - honey suckle<br>(partial shade)            | P  | Tricyrtis - the toad lily<br>(heavy shade)                      |
| P  | Lysimachia clethroides<br>(partial shade)             | P  | Trillium grandiflorum<br>(heavy shade)                          |
| P  | L. punctata (partial shade)                           |    |   |
| Gc | L. nummularia (partial shade)                         |    |   |
| P  | Lychnis chalconica<br>(partial shade)                 | E  | Tsuga Canadensis (partial shade)                                |
|    |   | T  |   |
| Sh | Mahonia aquifolium<br>(partial shade)                 | P  | Veronica longifolia (partial shade)                             |
| E  |   |    |   |
| P  | Monarda didyma<br>(little shade)                      | Gc | Vinca minor (partial shade)                                     |
|    |   | E  | V. major (partial shade)  |
| P  | Mertensia verfinica<br>Bluebells (partial shade)      | Sh | Viburnum plicatum tomentosum<br>the double-file (partial shade) |
| A  | Mirabilis jalapa<br>40' clocks (partial shade)        | P  | Viola odorata (partial shade)                                   |

PERENNIALS FOR SEMI - SHADE

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With so many different plants to choose from one might feel overwhelmed in making the decision of what to grow. In such a case, the various limiting factors of urban gardens can be a blessing, narrowing down your choice a bit.

Shade is a common complaint in city garden sites, and there is a manageable choice of perennials, which will grow successfully in, or actually prefer, these conditions. Some of the more well known standbys are **astilbe, hosta,** and **fern**, the latter two being grown primarily for their luxuriant and often showy foliage.

A number of other choices, which will flourish in semi-shade, are briefly described below, on a list compiled by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County.

| <u>Latin Name</u>         | <u>Common Name</u>    | <u>Height</u> | <u>Color</u>        | <u>Season</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Anemone Japonica          | Japanese anemone      | 36"           | Various             | Sept-Oct      |
| Aquilegia sp.             | Columbine             | 12-24"        | Various             | April-Aug     |
| Asperula odorata (Galium) | Woodruff              | 12"           | White               | July          |
| Aster, in variety         | Aster                 | 18"           | Various             | July-Aug      |
| Campanula Species         | Bellflower            | 8-36"         | Blue, White, Purple | June-Oct      |
| Convallaria majalis       | Lily of the valley    | 10"           | White               | May, June     |
| Dicentra exisa            | Fringed bleedingheart | 18"           | Rose                | May-Sept      |
| Dicentra spectabilis      | Bleedingheart         | 24-36"        | Pink                | May           |
| Dictamnus albus           | Gas Plant             | 36"           | Rose, White         | May           |
| Helleborus niger          | Christmas rose        | 12"           | White               | Dec-Jan       |
| Hemerocallis sp.          | Daylily               | 18-48"        | Various             | June-July     |
| Heuchera sanguinea        | Coral bells           | 12-24"        | Crimson             | July          |
| Hypericum species         | St. John's - Wort     | varies        | Yellow              | Varies        |
| Iberia sempervirens       | Candytuft             | 12"           | White               | April         |
| Liatris pycnostachya      | Cattail gayfeather    | 48"           | Rose, Purple        | Aug-Sept      |
| Lobelia Cardinalis        | Cardinal flower       | 24-36"        | Scarlet             | Aug-Oct       |
| Lychnis chalcedonica      | Maltese cross         | 24-36"        | Scarlet             | July-Aug      |
| Mertensia virginica       | Virginia bluebells    | 18"           | Blue                | May           |
| Oenothera missouriensis   | Ozark sundrops        | 12"           | Yellow              | June-Aug      |
| Phlox paniculata          | Summer phlox          | 24-48"        | Various             | July-Aug      |
| Phlox suffruticosa        | Summer phlox          | 24-48"        | Various             | June-Sept     |
| Primula, in variety       | Primrose              | 6-30"         | Various             | April-June    |
| Trillium grandiflorum     | Trillium              | 18"           | White to Rose       | April         |
| Trollius europaeus        | Globeflower           | 24"           | Yellow              | April-June    |
| Viola cornuta             | Tufted pansy          | 6-10"         | Various             | April-Oct     |

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Even in the cold of the seemingly endless winter early perennials are beginning to stir under the frigid soil. Come March it's these leaves and flowers which renew our hopes that, yes, spring is indeed on the way.

Perennials provide interest for more than the early flower spotters, however. There are perennials for any time, throughout the growing season, when you may want a flower display, and their color, size, and flower types vary tremendously. Now is a good time to start thinking about adding a few to your garden, particularly if you plan to order them from one of the many mail order sources.

GARDENING IN THE SHADE

| GROUND COVERS AND VINES                           | PERENNIALS                                   |
|---|--|
| Aegopodium Podagraria (Bishops Weed)              | Alchemilla vulgaris (Lady's mantle)          |
| Ajuga reptans (Carpet Buglewood)                  | Anemone japonica (Japanese anemone)          |
| Anemone nemorosa (Wood anemone)                   | Awuilegia (Columbine)                        |
| Convallaria majalis (Lily of the valley)          | Allium moly (Lily Leek – Bulb)               |
| Cornus Canadensis (Bunchberry – creeping dogwood) | Dicentra (Bleeding heart)                    |
| Duchesnea indica (Indian strawberry)              | Digitalis purpurea (Foxglove)                |
| Asperula odorata (Sweet woodruff)                 | Hemerocallis (Daylily)                       |
| Hedera Helix (English Ivy)                        | Iberis sempervirens (Evergreen candytuft)    |
| Hosta (Plaintain lily)                            | Iris siberica (Siberian Iris)                |
| Lonicera (Honeysuckle)                            | Lunaria annua (Money plant – silver dollars) |
| Phlox divaricata (Wild sweet William)             | Monarda didyma (Bee balm)                    |
| Sedum (Stonecrop)                                 |  |
| Veronica repens                                   |  |
| Vinca minor (Periwinkle or myrtle)                |  |
| Viola odorata (Sweet violet)                      |  |

| For Shaded Locations |                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ageratum             |                               |
| Begonia              | Wax                           |
|                      | Rex                           |
|                      | Tuberous                      |
| Browallia            |                               |
| Caladiums            |                               |
| Coleus               |                               |
| Ferns                |                               |
| Impatiens            |                               |
| Lobelia              |                               |
| Nicotiana            | Dwarf potpourri and sensation |
| Primose              |                               |
| Salvia               | Splendens<br>'Lavender Love'  |
| Sweet Alyssum        |                               |
| Torenia fourniera    | 'Nana compacta'               |

| For Sunny Locations<br>Flowering Plants |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Alyssum                                 | Sweet                    |
| Anthirrhinum                            | (Snapdragon) – dwarf var |
| Annual Aster                            |                          |
| Arctotis                                | African Daisy            |
| Begonia                                 | Semperflorens            |
| Calendula                               | Pot Marigold             |
| Capsicum annum                          | Ornamental Pepper        |
| Celosia                                 | Cockscomb – dwarf var    |
| Centaurea                               | Bachelor’s Button        |
| Cosmos                                  | Dwarf varieties          |
| Cynoglossum                             | Chinese Forget-me not    |
| Dimorphotheca                           | Cape Marigold            |
| Escholtzia                              | California Poppy         |
| Gaillardia                              | Blanket Flower           |
| Geraniums                               |                          |
| Helianthus                              | Sunflower – dwarf var    |
| Iberis amara                            | Candytuft                |
| Impatiens                               |                          |
| Ipomoea                                 | Morning Glory            |
| Lathyrus                                | Sweet Pea – Dwarf var    |
| Marigolds                               | Dwarf French varieties   |
| Petunias                                |                          |
| Portulaca                               | Moss Rose                |
| Tropaeolum                              | Nasturtium               |
| Verbena hortensis                       | Verbena                  |
| Viola tricolor                          | Pansies                  |
| Vinca rosea                             | Periwinkle               |
| Zinnia                                  | Dwarf varieties          |

| Trailing Plants       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cymbalaria muralis    | Kenilworth Ivy                |
| Fuchsia               | Trailing varieties            |
| Hedera helix          | English Ivy                   |
| Ivy Geranium          |                               |
| Lantana               | Trailing varieties            |
| Lobelia               | Trailing varieties            |
| Nepeta hederacea      | Ground Ivy                    |
| Saxifraga Stolonifera | Strawberry Geranium           |
| Senecio mikanioides   | German Ivy                    |
| Solanum jasminoides   | Potato Vine                   |
| Thunbergia            | Black-Eyed Susan Vine         |
| Vinca mahor           | Variegated or plain varieties |