

Plants for Dry Shade

What to plant under those maple trees! Large shade trees are wonderful both to look at and sit under on a hot August day. However, they can create a tough situation for any plant trying to grow under their canopy. As trees mature, their extensive and often shallow root systems take up more and more water and nutrients from the surrounding soil. The soil that remains finds it tough to support many varieties of plants. Listed below are some of the sturdy plants that will be able to handle this tough spot. Note that these plants will take varying amounts of shade. Be sure to check the labels for exact requirements.

Remember, newly planted drought-tolerant plants, as with any plant, will still need watering for the first year. Long, deep watering that soaks down to the roots of the plant will help develop deep roots which will help the plant through periods of drought once established.

Annuals

Abutilon
Begonia – tuberous & wax
Caladium
Coleus

Perennials

Aegopodium	Ceratostigma	Lamium maculatum
Ajuga	Convallaria majalis	Pachysandra
Alchemilla mollis	Corydalis	Persicaria
Aquilegia	Digitalis	Phlox divaricatus
Amsonia	Epimedium	Polygonatum
Aster cordifolius	Euphorbia	Pulmonaria
Aster divaricatus	Galium odorata	Symphytum
Asarum euopaeum	Geranium macrorrhizum	grandiflorum
Bergenia cordifolia	Geranium maculatum	Thalictrum
Brunnera macrophylla	Hedera helix	Tiarella
Campanula	Helleborus	Vinca
poscharskyanna	Heuchera	Viola labradorica

Ornamental Grasses

Calamagrostis brachytricha	Elymus
Chasmanthium latifolium	Festuca
Deschampsia	Helictotrichon

Ferns

Dryopteris erythrosora
Dryopteris marginalis
Polystichum acrostichoides

Shrubs

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Euonymus	Mahonia aquifolium
Buxus	Hamamelis	Sorbaria
Cornus racemosa	Hydrangea arborescens	Symphoricarpos

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