

# Shade-Tolerant Plants



Shaded areas in your landscape can be some of the most difficult planting sites for success. Choosing shade-tolerant plants can add life to those dark areas, as well as provide vivid color.

## Shrubs

- Berberis (*Barberry*)
- Buxus (*Boxwood*)
- Clethra alnifolia (*Summersweet*)
- Hydrangea quercifolia (*Oakleaf Hydrangea*)
- Leucothoe
- Rhamnus (*Buckthorn*)
- Serviceberry
- Taxus (*Yew*)
- Thuja occidentalis (*Arborvitae*)
- Viburnum (*many varieties*)

## Trees

- Acer Palmatum (*Japanese Maple*)
- Cercis canadensis (*Redbud*)
- Cornus (*Dogwood*)
- Tsuga (*Hemlock*)

## Tips:

### Regular Care

Your plants may not need a lot of sun, but they still need water, mulch and fertilizer. Also, keep an eye out for pests, like slugs, that prefer shady conditions.

### Add Variety

Consider including some variegated foliage and annuals that do well in the shade, like begonias and impatiens.

## Perennials

- Aegopodium
- Anemone
- Ajuga
- Aquilegia (*Columbine*)
- Astilbe
- Celastrus scandens (*Bittersweet*)
- Dicentra (*Bleeding Heart*)
- Ferns
- Hedera helix (*Ivy*)
- Heuchera
- Hosta
- Houttuynia cordata 'Chameleon'
- Hypericum (*St. John's Wort*)
- Hydrangea petiolaris (*Hydrangea Vine*)
- Lenten Rose
- Lysimachia
- Lythrum
- Monarda (*Bee Balm*)
- Vinca Minor (*Myrtle/Periwinkle*)



Buckthorn



Dogwood



Astilbe