

# SHADE GARDENING

## HUMBER NURSERIES 'GREEN THUMB GUIDE'



One of the most common problems with shade in the garden IS THE LACK OF IT!

In a new home, in a new sub-division, where can you grow Ferns, Astilbes, Hostas, Impatiens and Tuberous Begonias? There are so many plants that actually LIKE SHADE! If you can create a garden in the shaded north side of your home, then you too can enjoy the broad range of plants that thrive in shade.

### DEEP SHADE

Permanent year round shade from buildings and large evergreens and shade trees. Usually found only in older residential areas. Grass will not grow well, but ferns will. (In the plant lists, those for deep shade are indicated \*)

### DRY SHADE AND MOIST SHADE

Deep shade is often moist since it does not receive the heat of the sun, but it can be dry under large trees that consume all available moisture. There are many plants for moist shade; dry shade is more difficult, but the problem can be overcome by watering and mulching.

### PART SUN – PART SHADE

At our latitude in summer, even the north side of the house gets some sun. Rising in the far north east in the morning, it catches the north side and again from the north-west as it sets.

Generally though, the sun is relatively weak at these times and the location is considered shady.

Plants on the east or west side get at least six hours sun in summer, sufficient for all plants except the true sun-worshippers.

### OPEN SHADE

On the north side of the house but open to the sky. Plants listed for light shade will do well.

### LIGHT SHADE OR FILTERED SUNLIGHT

Dappled shade; light and shadow move with the sun, such as under a Locust or a Birch. Lawn grass does well and so do most plants. Not shady enough for true shade lovers.

### MEDIUM SHADE

The north side of the house, further obscured by overhead branches. A shade-tolerant lawn grass will still grow and now we can plant such shade lovers as Astilbe and Hosta.



### TREES FOR SHADE

Large trees are used to provide shade and are not usually planted close to a building. Trees which tolerate shade are often smaller trees that grow in the shade of taller varieties in nature.

(\* Indicates tolerance for deep shade)

### TREES WHICH TOLERATE SHADE

#### Deciduous

Katsura Tree  
Redbud  
\*Pagoda Dogwood  
\*Flowering Dogwood  
Halesia (Silverbell)  
Laburnum  
Magnolia  
Dawn Redwood  
Amur Cork Tree  
\*Serviceberry  
Yellowwood  
\*Black Maple  
\*Striped Maple  
Red Maple  
\*Sugar Maple  
Yellow Birch  
\*Blue Beech  
\*Fringe Tree  
\*American Beech  
White Ash  
\*Ironwood  
Red Oak  
\*Basswood

#### Evergreen

Weeping False Cypress  
False Cypress  
Austrian Pine  
Scot's Pine  
White Pine  
Douglas Fir  
\*Hemlock  
\*Balsam Fir  
White Spruce



### Deciduous Shrubs

- \*Bottlebrush Buckeye
- \*Carolina Allspice
- Dogwoods
- Corkscrew Hazel
- Cotoneaster
- \*Flowering Currant
- Elder
- Deutzia
- \*Burning Bush
- Witch Hazel
- \*Annabelle Hydrangea
- Hydrangea
- Winterberry
- \*Kerria
- Honeysuckle
- Bayberry
- Tree Peony
- Mock Orange
- Potentilla
- Flowering Almond
- Manchu Cherry
- Lilac
- Viburnum
- \*Serviceberry
- \*Snowberry & Coralberry
- \*Fothergilla
- Summersweet
- \*Sweetspire
- \*Spicebush
- \*Flowering Raspberry
- Blueberry

### Evergreen Shrubs (Needled and Broadleaf)

- \*Boxwood
- Dwarf False Cypress
- Daphne
- \*Euonymus (some)
- Holly
- Japanese Garden Juniper
- \*Mountain Laurel
- \*Leucothoe
- \*Oregon Grape Holly

- \*Alberta Spruce
- Mugho Pine
- Firethorn
- \*Rhododendron and Azalea
- \*Yew
- \*Dwarf Hemlock
- Cedar
- \*Pieris

### Perennials

- Anchusa
- Japanese Anemone
- \*Astilbe
- Bergenia
- Brunnera
- Marsh Marigold
- Carpathian Harebell
- Nepeta
- Chives
- Chrysanthemum
- Painted Daisy
- Shasta Daisy
- Feverfew
- Cimicifuga
- Bleeding Heart
- Gas Plant
- Purple Coneflower
- Globe Thistle
- Garlic Chives
- Perennial Geranium
- Christmas Rose
- Daylily
- Coral Bell
- \*Hosta
- Siberian Iris
- Cardinal Flower
- Lupin
- \*Creeping Jenny
- Gooseneck and Yellow Loosestrife
- Purple Loosestrife
- \*Virginia Bluebell
- Monarda (Bergamot)
  
- Lady's Mantle
- Astrantia
- Turtle Head
- Kirengeshoma
- \*Ligularia

- Peony
- Balloon Flower
- \*Solomon's Seal
- Primrose
- Gold moss
- Meadowrue
- \*Spiderwort
- Trillium
- Trollius
- Viola
- \*Saxifrage
- Aconitum
- Columbine
- Arabis
- Goatsbeard
- Foxglove
- Leopard's Bane
- Filipendula
- Geum
- Macleaya
- Tall Phlox
- Obedient Plant
- Jacob's Ladder
- \*Bethlehem Sage
- Veronica

### Perennial Groundcovers

- Ajuga
- \*Goutweed
- Crown Vetch
- Cotoneaster
- \*Epimedium
- English Ivy
- Hall's Honeysuckle
- Virginia Creeper
- \*Pachysandra
- Creeping Potentilla
- Periwinkle
- \*Ferns
- Carex Grasses
- Wild Ginger
- Lily-of-the-Valley
- Houttuynia

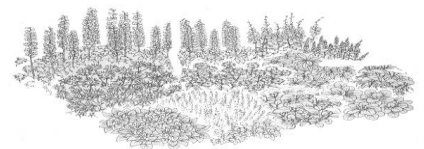
- Lamiastrum
- Waldsteinia

### Annuals

- Begonias
- Browallia
- Caladium
- Clarkia/Godetia
- \*Coleus
- Sweet William
- Snow-on-the-Mountain
- Fuchsia
- \*Impatiens
- Iresine
- Mimulus
- Bells-of-Ireland
- Nicotiana
- Martha Washington
- Geranium
- Schizanthus/Butterfly Flower
- Black-eyed-Susan Vine
- \*Torenia/Wishbone Flower
- Pansies
- Forget-me-not
- Nierembergia
- Salvia

### Vines

- Bittersweet
- \*Euonymus (some)
- \*English Ivy
- \*Climbing Hydrangea
- Climbing Honeysuckle
- \*Virginia Creeper
- \*Boston Ivy
- Clematis (some)
- Dutchman's Pipe



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