

Plants Tolerant of Shade

Do you have a house that cascades shadows across the entirety of your yard? Or do you have a yard surrounded by large, dense evergreen trees that limit sunlight throughout the day? Regardless of the *shady* scenario, this guide is here to help select shade-tolerant plants for your home's landscaping!

Below is an extensive list containing plants tolerant of shade that we carry here at Bristol's Garden Center. Some plants are more tolerant of shade than others. **High tolerance** plants can handle **2 or more hours of sunlight accumulated in a day**. **Moderate tolerance** plants can handle **4 or more hours of sunlight accumulated in a day**.

TREES

HIGH TOLERANCE

Asimia triloba – Paw Paw⁺

Carpinus caroliniana – American Hornbeam

Chionanthus virginicus – American Fringetree

Cornus alnifolia – Pagoda Dogwood

Betula spp. - Birch

Fagus grandifolia – American Beech

Ostrya virginiana – Ironwood/Hop Hornbeam

Ptelea trifoliata – Hop Tree/Wafer-Ash

MODERATE TOLERANCE

Aesculus pavia – Red Buckeye

Acer griseum – Paperbark Maple

Acer japonica – Japanese Maple

Acer palmatum – Japanese Maple

Acer triflorum – Three-Flower Maple

Amelanchier laevis – Allegheny Serviceberry^{*+}

Amelanchier x grandiflora – Serviceberry^{*+}

Cercis canadensis - Redbud

Cornus florida – Dogwood *

Cornus kousa – Kousa Dogwood*

Cornus mas – Cornelian Cherry

Enkianthus campanulatus – Redvein Enkianthus

Halesia tetrapetala – Carolina Silverbell

Heptacodium miconioides – Seven-Son Flower

Magnolia virginiana – Sweetbay Magnolia[#]

Prunus virginiana – Chokecherry

Sassafras albidum - Sassafras

Stewartia pseudocamellia – Japanese Stewartia*

Styrax japonicus – Japanese Snowbell

Styrax obassia – Fragrant Snowbell

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SHRUBS

HIGH TOLERANCE

Aesculus parviflora – Bottlebrush Buckeye

Aronia arbutifolia – Red Chokeberry*+

Aronia melanocarpa – Black Chokeberry*+

Calycanthus floridus - Carolina Allspice

Cornus alba – Tartarian Dogwood

Cornus amomum – Silky Dogwood

Cornus stolonifera – Redosier Dogwood

Cornus sericea – Redosier Dogwood

Disanthus cercifolius – Redbud Hazel

Euonymus fortunei – Winter Creeper

Hamamelis vernalis – Vernal Witch Hazel*

Hamamelis virginiana – Common Witch Hazel*

Hydrangea arborescens – Smooth Hydrangea

Hydrangea serrata – Mountain Hydrangea

Itea virginica – Virginia Sweetspire

Kerria japonica – Kerria / Japanese Rose

Lindera benzoin – Spicebush

Viburnum acerifolium – Mapleleaf Viburnum

Viburnum lentago – Nannyberry Viburnum

Viburnum prunifolium – Blackhaw Viburnum

Zanthorhiza simplissima - Yellowroot

Zenobia pulverulenta – Dusty Zenobia

MODERATE TOLERANCE

Ceanothus americanus – New Jersey Tea*

Cephalanthus occidentalis – Button Bush

Clethra alnifolia – Sweetspire

Deutzia gracilis – Slender Deutzia

Diervilla lonicera – Bush Honeysuckle

Forsythia x intermedia – Forsythia*

Fothergilla spp. – Fothergilla/Witch Alder

Hamamelis x intermedia – Hybrid Witch Hazel*

Hydrangea macrophylla – Hydrangea*

Hydrangea paniculata – Panicle Hydrangea*

Hydrangea quercifolia – Oakleaf Hydrangea*

Ilex verticillata – Winterberry +

Myrica pensylvanica – Bayberry

Potentilla fruticosa – Potentilla*

Rhus aromatica – Gro-Low Sumac

Sorbaria sorbifolia – False Spirea

Symphoricarpos albus – Snowberry+

Viburnum cassinoides – Witherod Viburnum

Viburnum dentatum – Arrowwood Viburnum

Viburnum nudum – Smooth Witherod

Viburnum trilobum – American Cranberry Viburnum

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EVERGREEN TREES/SHRUBS

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Buxus spp. – Boxwood

Leucothoe fontanesiana – Leucothoe#

Ilex crenata – Japanese Holly

Microbiota decussata – Russian Carpet Cypress

Picea abies – Norway Spruce

Pieris japonica – Pieris/Andromeda #

Taxus spp. – Yew

Tsuga canadensis – Canadian Hemlock

MODERATE TOLERANCE

Cephalotaxus harringtonia – Jap. Plum Yew

Ilex glabra – Inkberry

Kalmia spp. – Mountain Laurel*#

Mahonia spp. – Oregon Grape Holly

Pinus strobus – White Pine

Rhododendron spp. – Rhododendrons/Azaleas*#

Thuja occidentalis – Eastern Arborvitae

Thuja plicata – Western Arborvitae

PERENNIALS

HIGH TOLERANCE

Actaea spp. – Bugbane#

Adiantum pedatum – Maidenhair Fern

Alchemilla spp. – Lady's Mantle

Anemone spp. – Windflower

Arisaema triphylla – Jack in the Pulpit

Anthyrium nipponicum – Japanese Painted Fern#

Bergenia spp. – Pig Squeak

Chelone spp. – Turtle's Head#

Corydalis spp. – Golden Bleeding Heart

Digitalis spp. – Foxglove

Epimedium spp. – Bishop's Hat

Erythronium americanum – Trout Lily#

Eupatorium spp. – Joe Pye Weed

Helleborus orientalis – Lenten Rose

Hosta spp. – Hosta

Iris cristata – Crested Iris

Matteuccia struthiopteris – Ostrich Fern

Mertensia virginica – Virginia Bluebells#

Osmunda regalis – Royal Fern

Polygonatum spp. – Solomon's Seal

Pulmonaria spp. – Lungwort

Smilacina spp. – False Solomon's Seal

Tiarella cordifolia – Foam Flower

Tricyrtis spp. – Toadlily

Trillium spp. – Trillium#

Uvularia grandiflora – Bellwort

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Achillea ptarmica – Sneezewort*

Aconitum spp. – Monkshood*

Aesclepias incarnata – Swamp Milkweed

Aralia cordata – Japanese Spikenard

Aruncus spp. – Goat's Beard

Astilbe spp. – Astilbe

Astrantia spp. – Masterwort

Athyrium fili-femina – Lady Fern#

Aquilegia spp. – Columbine

Brunnera macrophylla – Siberian Bugloss

Campanula spp. – Bluebells

Cimicifuga racemosa – Snakeroot

Dicentra cucllaria – Dutchman's Britches

Dicentra spectabilis – Bleeding Heart

Dodecantheon meadia – Shooting Star

Filipendula vulgaris – Dropwort

Geranium spp. – Cranesbill*

Heuchera spp. – Coralbells

Iris sibirica – Siberian Iris*

Ligularia spp. – Ligularia spp.

Lobelia cardinalis – Cardinal Flower#

Monarda spp. – Beebalm

Osmunda cinnamonea – Cinnamon Fern

Phlox divaricata – Woodland Phlox

Phlox paniculata – Phlox

Physostegia virginiana – Obedient Plant

Polemonium caeruleum – Jacob's Latter#

Polystichum acrostichoides – Christmas Fern

Primula spp. – Primrose

Pulsatilla vulgaris – Pasque Flower*

Rodgersia ssp. – Rodgersia

Spigelia marilandica – Indian Pinks#

Tanacetum parthenium – Feverfew

Thalictrum spp. – Meadow Rue*

Tradescantia spp. – Spiderwort

Trollius spp. – Globeflower

Viola spp. – Violets

Carex spp. – Sedge

Chasmathium latifolium – Northern Sea Oats

GRASSES

Hakonechloea macra – Japanese Forest Grass

Ophiopogon spp. – Mondo Grass

VINES

Aristolochia – Dutchman's Pipe

Clematis virginiana – Virgin's Bower

Hydrangea anomala petiolaris – Hydrangea Vine

Schizophragma hydrangeoides – Japanese Hyd. Vine

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GROUNDCOVERS

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Ajuga reptans – Bugleweed

Asarum spp. – Wild Ginger

Convallaria majalis – Lily of the Valley

Euonymus fortune – Wintercreeper

Galium odoratum – Sweet Woodruff

Hedera helix – English Ivy

Microbiota decussata – Carpet Cypress

Pachysandra spp. – Pachysandra

Pulmonaria spp. – Lungwort

Taxus spp. – Lowgrowing/Spreading Yew

Tiarella cordifolia – Foam Flower

Vinca minor – Common Periwinkle

MODERATE TOLERANCE

Cephalotaxus harringtonia 'Prostrata' – Spreading Yew

Ceratostigma plumbaginoides – Plumbago Leadwort

Epimedium spp. – Barrenwort/Bishop's Hat

Lamium maculatum – Spotted Deadnettle

Liriope spicata – Creeping Lily-Turf

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