



Enchanted Gardens

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Designing Shady Retreats

Herbaceous Perennials for Shade Conditions

Aconitum	Monkshood
Actaea	Doll's Eyes
Ajuga	Bugle weed
Alchemilla	Lady's Mantle
Amsonia	Star Flower
Anemone	Wind Flower
Anemonella thalictroides	Rue anemone
Aquilegia	Columbine
Aruncus	Goatsbeard
Asarum	Ginger
Astilbe	Astilbe
Bergenia	Saxifrage
Brunnera macrophylla	Siberian Bugloss
Chelone	Turtlehead
Chrysogonum virginianum	Golden Star
Cimicifuga	Bugbane
Convallaria majalis	Lily-of-the-Valley
Corydalis flexuosa	Corydalis
Darmera peltata	Umbrella Plant
Dicentra	Bleeding Heart
Digitalis	Foxglove
Epimedium	Barrenwort, Bishop's Cap
Ferns	
Galium odoratum	Sweet woodruff
Gaultheria	Wintergreen
Hakonechloa	Hakone grass
Helleborus	Hellebore, Lenten Rose
Hepatica	Liverwort
Heucherella	Foamy Bells
Hosta	Plantain Lily
Iris cristata	Dwarf Crested Iris
Jeffersonia	Twingleaf
Kirngeshoma palmata	Yellow Waxbells
Lamiastrum	Dead Nettle
Lamium maculatum	Spotted Dead Nettle
Lewisia cotyledon	Bitter Root
Liriope	Lily Turf
Lobelia	Lobelia, Cardinal Flower
Mertensia virginica	Virginia Bluebells
Phlox divaricata	Woodland Phlox
Phlox stolonifera	Creeping Phlox
Polemonium	Jacob's Ladder
Polygonatum	Solomon's Seal
Primula japonica	Candelabra Primrose
Pulmonaria	Lungwort
Rodgersia	Rodgersia
Sanguinaria canadensis	Bloodroot
Thalictrum	Meadow Rue
Tiarella	Foam Flower
Tricyrtis hirta	Toad Lily
Trillium	Wakerobin
Viola	Violets (many cultivars)
Waldsteinia ternata	Barren Strawberry

Woody Plants for Shade Conditions

Acer circinatum	Vine Maple
Acer pennsylvanicum	Striped Maple
Aesculus parviflora	Bottlebrush Buckeye
Akebia quinata	Fiveleaf Akebia
Aristolochia duioir	Dutchman's Pipe
Buxus	Boxwood
Callicarpa bodinieri	Beautybush
Calycanthus floridus	Common Sweetshrub
Carpinus carolinia	Korean Hornbeam
Cephalotaxus	Japanese Plum Yew (some cultivars)
Clematis	Summersweet, Pepperbush
Clethra alnifolia	Bunchberry
Cornus canadensis	Gray Dogwood
Cornus racemosa	Redvein Enkianthus
Enkianthus campanulatus	Wintercreeper
Euonymusfortunei	American Beech
Fagus grandifolia	Wintergreen, Checkerberry
Gaultheria procumbens	Common Witchhazel
Hamamelis virginiana	Climbing Hydrangea
Hydrangea petiolaris	Holly (evergreen)
Ilex	Sweetspire
Itea	Mountain Laurel
Kalmia latifolia	Kerria
Kerria japonica	Leucothoe
Leucothoe	Spicebush
Lindera benzoin	Oregon Grape Holly
Mahonia aquifolium	Siberian Carpet Cypress
Microbiota decussata	Sourwood
Oxydendron arboreum	Virginia Creeper
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Boston Ivy
Parthenocissus tricuspidata	Andromeda (Medium to large leaf)
Pieris	Alpine Currant
Rhododendron	Yew
Ribes alpinum	Hemlock
Taxus	Smooth Winterod
Tsuga	Myrtle
Viburnum nudum	
Vinca minor	

Sources:

Garden in the Woods
180 Hemenway Rd.,
Framingham, newfs.org

Cochato Nursery
373 N. Franklin Blvd., Holbrook
www.cochatonursery.com

Mason Hollow Nursery
47 Scripps Lane, Mason, NH
masonhollow.com

O'Brien Nurserymen
40 Wells Road, Granby, CT
www.obrienhosta.com

Plant Delights Nursery
plantdelights.com.

Pine Knot Farms (Hellebores)
pineknotfarms.com

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