

Ground Cover Perennials for the Landscape Professional

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Representing Bohn's Farm, Walters Gardens and NorthCreek

PLANT LIST

Genus	Species	Cultivar	Common Name	Ruppert Comments
Perennials for SHADE/PART SHADE				
Short up to 12" ht				
Asarum	canadense		wild ginger	a Midwest native tolerating dry shade
Astilbe	chinensis	<i>Pumila</i>	dwarf Chinese astilbe	excellent alternative ground cover for shade
Hosta		<i>Allan P. McConnell</i>		a dwarf form of Francee
Senecio	obovatus		squaw-weed	a Midwest native tolerating dry shade
Mid-Size 12-36" ht.				
Geranium	macrorrhizum	<i>Bevans Variety</i>	bigroot geranium	
GRASS Carex	flacca (glauca)	<i>Blue Zinger</i>	glaucous sedge	great choice for dry shade sites
GRASS Carex	morrowii	<i>Ice Dance</i>	variegated sedge	an excellent alternative to variegated liriopse
GRASS Carex	oshimensis	<i>Evergold</i>	variegated sedge	
GRASS Carex	pensylvanica		Pennsylvania sedge	excellent for dry shade
Helleborus	orientalis	<i>Royal Heritage Strain</i>	hellebore	a dependable deer resistant, semi-evergreen shade landscape companion
Heuchera	macrorrhiza	<i>Autumn Bride</i>	coral bells	rabbit resistant at the Citygarden
Tricyrtis		<i>Gilt Edge</i>	toad lily	graceful addition to the shade border
Perennials for SUN				
Short up to 12" ht				
Aster	ericoides	<i>Snow Flurry</i>	heath aster	tolerant of dry sites
Ceratostigma	plumbaginoides		leadwort	
Geranium	cantabrigiense	<i>Biokova</i>	hardy geranium	colonizes for ground cover application
Geranium	cantabrigiense	<i>Karmina</i>	hardy geranium	colonizes for ground cover application
Sedum	floriferum	<i>Weibenstephaner Gold</i>		aka Bailey's Gold
Sedum	kamtschaticum	<i>var. ellacombeanum</i>	Russian stonecrop	
Sedum	repestre	<i>Angelina</i>	spruce stonecrop	
Sedum	spurium	<i>Fuldaglut</i>	stonecrop	red foliage/scarlet flws.
Sedum	spurium	<i>John Creech</i>	stonecrop	green foliage/pink flws.
Sedum	spurium	<i>Voodoo</i>	stonecrop	bronze foliage/red flws.

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Amsonia	hubrichtii		Arkansas blue star	a thread-leaf species
Aster	ericoides	<i>First Snow</i>	heath aster	tolerant of dry sites
Calamintha	nepeta spp. nepeta	<i>White Cloud</i>	calamint	heat and drought tolerant
GRASS Schizachyrium	scoparium		little bluestem	
GRASS Schizachyrium	scoparium	<i>The Blues</i>	little bluestem	very blue foliage, vegetative selection
GRASS Schizachyrium	scoparium	<i>Prairie Blues</i>	little bluestem	very blue foliage, seed strain
GRASS Sporobolus	heterolepis		prairie dropseed	the "liriope" of the prairie
Heliopsis		<i>Ballerina</i>	false sunflower	alternative to Rudbeckia
Nepeta	faassenii	<i>Blue Wonder (12-15")</i>	nepeta	
Nepeta	faassenii	<i>Walker's Low (24-30")</i>	nepeta	2007 Perennial Plant of the Year
Perovskia		<i>Filagran</i>	Russian sage	finely dissected, lacy foliage
Perovskia		<i>Little Spire</i>	Russian sage	shorter, upright habit
Rudbeckia	fulgida	<i>fulgida</i>	black-eyed Susan	
Sedum		<i>Autumn Fire</i>	autumn stonecrop	
Sedum		<i>Matrona</i>	autumn stonecrop	
Sedum		<i>Xenox</i>	autumn stonecrop	best dark leaf, upright sedum
Tall		greater than 36" ht.		
Eupatorium	maculatum	<i>Gateway (5-6')</i>	Joe Pye	
Eupatorium	maculatum	<i>Little Joe (3-4')</i>	Joe Pye	
GRASS Panicum		<i>Northwind</i>	upright switch grass	excellent native grass with a refined upright habit
GRASS Panicum		<i>Shenandoah</i>	red switch grass	more colorful than Shenandoah
Solidago	rugosa	<i>Fireworks</i>	rough goldenrod	tolerates a diversity of soil moisture conditions