

SHADE PLANTS

PERENNIALS

Acanthus
Aconitum – Monkshood
+Adenophora – Lady Bells
+Alchemilla sp. – Lady’s Mantle
+Amsonia
Anchusa azurea
Anemone sp. – fall and spring
Aquilegia – Columbine
Artemisia lactiflora
*Aruncus – Goatsbeard
*Asarum – Wild Ginger
Asters, woodland types
Astilbe
Astrantia
Begonia grandis (zone 6)
*Bergenia
*Brunnera macrophylla – Forget me not
Caltha palustris – Marsh Marigold
+Campanula species – Bellflowers
+Centranthus – Valerian
Cerastostigma plumbaginoides – Plumbago
*Chelone – Turtlehead
Chrysogonum
*Cimicifuga – Snakeroot
*Convallaria majalis – Lily of the Valley
Corydalis lutea – Yellow bleeding heart
Cyclamen – hardy varieties (zone 6)
*Cypripedium – Lady’s Slipper
Dicentra species – Bleeding heart,
Dwarf bleeding heart,
Dutchman’s Britches
+Dictamnus albus – Gas plant
Digitalis sp. – Foxgloves
*Dodecathon meadia – Shooting Star
Doronicum caucasicum, *pardalianches-
Leopardsbane Daisy
+Echinacea purpurea – Coneflower
*Epimedium sp.
*FERNS of all kinds
Filipendula sp.
*Galax
Gentiana

Geranium sp. – Cranesbills
*G. macrorrhizum takes deepest shade
*Helleborus sp. – Christmas, Lenten Rose
+Hemerocallis sp. – Daylilies
*Hepatica
Heuchera – Coral Bells
Esp. burgundy leaf hybrids
*Hostas
+Hypericum sp. – St. Johnswort
Iris – Japanese, I. cristata
*Kirengoshoma
Lamium
*Lamium
*Ligularia sp.
+Lilium – certain sp.
*Liriope muscari – Lilyturf
Lithodora
*Lobelia cardinalis, siphilitica – Cardinal Flower
*Mertensia – Virginia Bluebells
+Monarda – Bee Balm
Myosotis – Forget Me Nots
Omphalodes verna
*Phlox stolonifera, divaricata
+Physostegia – Obedient Plant
*Podophyllum – Mayapple
Polemonium sp – Jacob’s Ladder
*Polygonatum, Polygonum – Solomon’s Seal
*Primula sp. – Primroses
*Pulmonaria – Lungwort
*Rodgersia
*Sanguinaria – Bloodroot
*Smilacina racemosa
*Stylophorum – Celandine Poppy
Thalictrum sp. – Meadow Rue
*Tiarella – Foamflower
Tradescantia – Spiderwort
*Tricyrtis – Toadlily
*Trillium
Trollius – Globeflower
Viola – Violets

* TOLERATES DEEPER SHADE
+ TOLERATES ONLY DAPPLED SHADE. Will
not thrive or bloom in medium to heavy shade.

HARDY BULBS

Camassia
Colchicum – Autumn Crocus
Eranthus – Winter Aconite
*Erythronium – Trout Lily
Fritillaria sp.
*Galanthus – Snowdrops
Leucojum – Summer Snowflake
Muscari – Grape Hyacinths
*Narcissus – Daffodils
Scilla sp. – Squill
Some Tulips

GROUND COVERS

*Ajuga reptans
*Asarum – Wild Ginger
*Convallaria – Lily of the Valley
*Cornus canadensis
*Epimedium
*Euonymus fortunei
*Galium odoratum – Sweet Woodruff
*Gaultheria procumbens – Wintergreen
*Geranium macrorrhizum
Hypericum calycinum – Creeping St. Johnswort
*Lamium
*Michella repens – Partridge Berry
*Mosses
*Pachysandra procumbens (native)
*Phlox stolonifera
Veronica prostrata
*Vinca – Myrtle

GRASSES

Carex morrowii
Deschampsia cespitosa – Tufted Hair
Imperata cylindrica – Japanese Blood Grass
*Liriope
*Luzula nivea
Uniola latifolia

Note: you can push the limits of sun that most Miscanthus will take and grow them in dappled shade.

VINES

Clematis paniculata – Sweet Autumn Clematis
*Euonymus sp.
Hydrangea petiolaris – Climbing Hydrangea
*Parthenocissus quinquefolia – Boston Ivy

SHRUBS

Abelia
Aucuba japonica (zone 6)
Amelanchier – Shadbush
Azalea sp.
*Buxus – Boxwood
Calycanthus floridus – Carolina Allspice
Camelias (Zone 7)
Chamaecyparis obtuse – Hinoki Cypress
Cornus sp.
Corylopsis – Winter Hazel
Corylus sp. - Hazels
Cotoneaster salicifolia
Daphne
Enkianthus
*Euonymus sp.
*Fothergilla sp.
Hamamelis – Witch Hazel
Hydrangea sp.
*(H. arborescens, H. quercifolia)
+Hypericum – St. Johnswort
*Ilex sp. – Hollies
*Kalmia – Mt. Laurel
*Kerria japonica
*Leucothoe sp.
*Mahonia (Zone 6)
Myrica pennsylvanica – Bayberry
Pieris – Andromeda
Pyracantha – Firethorn
Rhododendron
Skimmia japonica (Zone 7)
*Taxus – Yew
Tsuga canadensis – Hemlocks
Vaccinium – Blueberries

ANNUALS

+Bacopa
Balsam
Begonias
Browalia
*Caladium
Coleus
Fuchsia
*Impatiens
Mimulus – Monkey Flower
Nicotiana
Torenia
Violas & Pansies

HERBS

Angelica
Chervil
*Comfrey
Lemon balm
Mints
Rue
Salad Burnet
*Sweet Cicily
Verbena
*Wild Ginger
*Wintergreen

SLUG PROOF PLANTS

Anemone japonica
Astilbe
Bleeding Heart
Candytuft
Coral Bells
Epimedium
Foxglove
Impatiens
Ivy
Most tall ferns
Scilla campanulata
Solomon's Seal
Thalictrum
Wintergreen
Woodruff

SHADE PLANTS THAT ATTRACT HUMMINGBIRDS

Azalea
+Campanula – Bellflower
Columbine
Fuchsia
Heuchera – Coral Bells
+Lilium
*Lobelia cardinalis
+Monarda – Bee Balm
Nicotiana – Flowering Tobacco
+Physostegia – False Dragonhead
+Weigela

TREES

(To grow under higher canopy – will tolerate light shade)

Acer palmatum – Japanese Maple
Cercis canadensis – Redbud
Chionanthus virginicus – Fringetree
Cornus florida - Dogwood
Franklinia altamaha
Hamamelis virginiana- Witch Hazel
Koelreuteria paniculata – Golden Rain Tree
Laburnum watererii – Golden Chain Tree

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