



## The BCLS Landscape Services Guide to Perennials for Shade

All of the following hardy perennials grow well in light or partial shade (1/2 day of direct sun, or light filtered through a high tree canopy). Plants marked with an asterisk (\*) also grow well in moderate shade (less than 1/2 day of sun). Plants that tolerate light to dense shade are indicated with two asterisks (\*\*). The varieties below are listed alphabetically by botanical name.

NEW/BLOOM TIME	HEIGHT	FLOWER/LEAF COLOR
Bear's Breech ( <i>Acanthus mollis</i> ) summer	2-3'	pink flowers/large, glossy, handsome leaves
Ladybells ( <i>Adenophora lilifolia</i> ) late summer	12-18"	blue bell-like flowers on spikes
Bishop's Weed ( <i>Aegopodium podagraria 'Variegatum'</i> )	10-15"	leaves green, white margins
Bugleweed ** ( <i>Ajuga varieties</i> ) May/June	6"	blue/foilage varies
Lady's Mantle ( <i>Alchemilla vulgaris (A. Mollis)</i> ) late spring/summer	12-18"	yellow
Windflower or Anemone - all species and hybrids ( <i>Anemone</i> ) September to frost	30-36"	white, pink
Columbine - all species and hybrids * ( <i>Aquilegia</i> ) May/June	12-30"	mixed colors

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Goatsbeard * ( <i>Aruncus dioicus</i> ; <i>A. aesthusifolius</i> ) June/July	4-6'	cream
Canadian (wild) Ginger ** ( <i>Asarum canadense</i> )	9-12"	beautiful foliage
European Ginger ** ( <i>Asarum europaeum</i> ) (foliage plant or groundcover)	4-6"	glossy-green, heart-shaped leaves
Astilbe * (Spirea or Goatsbeard) ( <i>Astilbe</i> - all species and hybrids) summer	18-36"	white, pink, red, lavender
Hardy Begonia * ( <i>Begonia grandis</i> ) summer	15-24"	H. pink
Bergenia or Saxifrage * ( <i>Bergenia cordifolia</i> cultivars) summer	10-16"	pink, white, red
Siberian Bugloss * (Perennial Forget-Me-Not) ( <i>Brunnera macrophylla</i> ) May/June	18"	blue/large, rounded leaves
Bellflower ( <i>Campanula</i> species and hybrids)	variable w/species	blue and white
Hardy Plumbago * ( <i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i> ) fall	6-10"	blue flowers/red fall foliage
Turtlehead ( <i>Chelone obliqua</i> ) late summer/fall	2-3'	purple, white
Snakeroot (or Bugbane) * ( <i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i> ; <i>C. simplex</i> ) summer/fall	3-6'	white

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Lily-of-the-Valley ** ( <i>Convallaria majalis</i> ) May/June	6-8"	white bells
Dwarf Bleeding Hearts ** ( <i>Dicentra exima</i> 'Snowdrift') ( <i>Dicentra formosa</i> 'Luxuriant') (dwarf varieties) all summer	12-15"	white, pink
Bleeding Heart ** ( <i>Dicentra spectabilis</i> ) May/June	2-3'	deep, pink/white
Foxglove (Species and hybrids) * ( <i>Digitalis</i> - all varieties) June/July	24-42"	mixed colors
Leopard's Bane ( <i>Doronicum cordatum</i> ) June	15"	yellow
Barrenwort * ( <i>Epimedium</i> varieties) May	6-9"	red, yellow, pink, lavender or white
Hardy Ferns - all varieties **	6-48"	feathery green fronds
Meadowsweet * ( <i>Filipendula</i> varieties) summer	18-60"	white or pink
Funkia (see Hosta) *		
Sweet Woodruff * ( <i>Galium odoratum</i> ) June	8"	white
Hardy Geranium ( <i>Geranium</i> species and hybrids) early summer	6-24"	white, pink, blue, magenta

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Hellebores (Lenten Rose, etc) * (all <i>Helleborus species and hybrids</i> ) early spring	15-24"	white, pink, purple, green
Daylily ( <i>Hemerocallis hybrids</i> ) summer	12-30"	mixed
Coral Bells ( <i>Heuchera species and hybrids</i> ) June	8-15"	pink, red, white
Hosta ( <i>species and hybrids</i> ) * Summer	12-30"	white, lavender flowers/green, glaucous blue, or variegated leaves
Houttuynia * ( <i>Houttuynia cordata 'Variegata'</i> )	6-12"	leaves mixed green, pink, cream
Kirengeshoma * ( <i>Kirengeshoma koreana</i> ) late summer	to 40"	yellow flowers; maple-like leaves
Archangel ( <i>Lamiumstrum galeobdolon 'Hermans Pride'</i> ) summer	8"	yellow, silver var. leaves
Spotted Dead Nettle * ( <i>Lamium maculatum 'Beacon Silver' and 'White Nancy'</i> )	10-15"	pink, white, silvery-green leaves
Lilyturf * ( <i>Liriope muscari cultivars</i> ) August	12"	lavender/some with variegated foliage
Cardinal Flower * ( <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> ) July/September	to 3'	red
Loosestrife ( <i>Lythrum virgatum and cultivars</i> )	18-24"	pink-red

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Virginia Bluebells * ( <i>Mertensia virginica</i> ) late spring/early summer	1-2'	blue
Bee Balm ( <i>Monarda cultivars</i> ) summer	3'	pink, red, white, purple
Forget-Me-Not ( <i>Myosotis species</i> ) May/June	8-15"	light blue
Mondo Grass * ( <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i> ) August	4-6"	lavender/very narrow leaves
Allegehany Spurge ** ( <i>Pachysandra procumbens</i> )	9-12"	green leaves w/silver marks
Dwarf Fleece Flower * ( <i>Persicaria afinis 'Border Jewel'</i> ) late spring	4"	pink
False Dragonhead * ( <i>Physostegia virginiana</i> ) August/September	2-3'	pink, white
May Apple * ( <i>Podophyllum peltatum</i> ) spring	15-24"	white
Jacob's Ladder * ( <i>Polemonium caeruleum</i> ) May/June	15-18"	blue
Variiegated Solomon's Seal ** ( <i>Polygonatum x hybridum</i> ' <i>Variiegatum</i> ') July/August	18-24"	white, bell flowers; white-edged leaves

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Primrose ( <i>Primula species and hybrids</i> ) April/June	6-15"	mixed colors
Lungwort ** ( <i>Pulmonaria saccharata; P. longifolia</i> ) Spring	6-10"	blue/pink flowers marbled leaves
Bronzeleaf Rodger's Flower * ( <i>Rodgersia pinnata</i> ) Summer	3-4'	rose-red
Bloodroot ** *( <i>Sanguinaria canadense</i> ) early Spring	8-12"	white
Foamflower * ( <i>Tiarella cordifolia</i> ) April/June	12"	white/maple-like foliage
Meadow Rue * ( <i>Thalictrum varieties</i> ) July/August	3-5'	yellow/soft blue-green leaves
Spiderwort ** ( <i>Tradescantia hybrids</i> ) all summer	18-30"	blue, white, red, purple
Japanese Toad Lily * ( <i>Tricyrtis hirta</i> ) early fall	18"	white and purple
Trillium ** ( <i>Trillium species</i> ) late spring	to 15"	white - Snow rillium red - Wake Robin
Globeflower * ( <i>Trollius europaeus</i> ) May/August	2'	yellow, orange
Speedwell or Veronica ( <i>Veronica varieties</i> )	15-18"	blue, white, pink

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Violets * <i>(Viola species and hybrids)</i>	6-10"	purple, white, blue, yellow
Barren Strawberry * <i>(Waldsteinia ternata)</i>	6-8"	yellow, strawberry-like flowers
<b>CONSERVATORY PLANTS:</b>		
Flowering Maples <i>(Abutilon hybrids)</i>	3-4'	white or pink
Bear's Breech <i>(Acanthus mollis)</i>	18-24"	large, glossy, very handsome foliage; mauve flower spikes
Agapanthus species <i>(Agapanthus)</i> summer	to 3'	long, strap-like foliage clusters of clear blue or white flowers
Clivia miniata Summer or February	24"	excellent, dark green, stump-like foliage; clear orange flowers with yellow center
Fuschias <i>(all varieties)</i>	12-30"	white, pink, red, or purple