

Shade Loving Trees & Shrubs

Much of the beauty of our landscapes is created by contrasts of light and shadow as they are filtered over lawn and garden. The amount of shade a plant can endure is only one key to its survival. Soil; its structure, organic composition, and PH are also important factors. Shaded plants require pruning to maintain form, feeding to keep them healthy, and supplemental water in dry time periods.

Foliage contrasts are important in shade gardens. Example: Broadleaf next to needle-like foliage & Hosta with English Yew.

Few plants flower heavily in dense shade; however, flowers in partial shade last longer and don't fade as fast as in full sun.

Shade Tolerance Code: L=Light Shade, M=Medium Shade, D=Dense Shade

Shade-Loving Needled Evergreens		Code
<i>Abies concolor</i>	Concolor Fir	L
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa cvs.</i>	Hinoki Cypress	M
<i>Microbiota decussata</i>	Russian Cypress	L,M
<i>Pinus Mugo</i>	Mugo Pine	L
<i>Taxus baccata repandens</i>	English Yew	M,D
<i>Taxus x media</i>	Densa Yew	M,D
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Canadian Hemlock	L

Shade-Loving Broadleaf Evergreens		Code
<i>Abelia grandiflora</i>	Glossy Abelia	L
<i>Aucuba japonica</i>	Aucuba	D
<i>Azaleas</i>	Azaleas	L, M
<i>Berberis William Penn</i>	William Penn Barberry	M
<i>Buxus</i>	Boxwood	L
<i>Euonymus</i>	Euonymus	L, M
<i>Ilex crenata</i>	Japanese Holly	M
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry Holly	M
<i>Ilex meservae</i>	Blue Holly	L
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly	L
<i>Kalmia</i>	Mountain Laurel	M, D
<i>Leucothoe</i>	Drooping Leucothoe	M
<i>Mahonia</i>	Oregon Grapeholly	M, D
<i>Nandina</i>	Nandina	M
<i>Osmanthus</i>	False Holly	M
<i>Pieis japonica</i>	Japanese Andromeda	M
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Cherry Laurel	M
<i>Rhododendron hybrids</i>	Hybrid Rhododendron	L, M
<i>Rhododendron maximum</i>	Native Rhododendron	D
<i>Viburnum rhytidophyllum</i>	Leatherleaf Viburnum	L

Shade-Loving Deciduous Shrubs

Code

<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Chokeberry	M
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Sweetshrub	L, M
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Summersweet	M
<i>Cotoneaster</i>	Cotoneaster	L, M
<i>Forsythia</i>	Forsythia	L, M
<i>Hamamelis</i>	Witch-Hazel	L
<i>Hydrangea</i>	Hydrangea	L, M
<i>Hypericum</i>	St. John's Wort	L, M
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Sweetspire	L, M
<i>Kerria japonica</i>	Japanese Kerria	M, D
<i>Ligustrum</i>	Privet	M
<i>Lonicera</i>	Honeysuckle	M
<i>Vaccinium</i>	Blueberry	L, M
<i>Viburnum</i>	Viburnum	L, M

Shade-Loving Deciduous Trees

Code

<i>Acer palmatum</i>	Threadleaf Maple	L
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Serviceberry	L, M
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	L, M
<i>Chioanthus virginicus</i>	Fringe Tree	L
<i>Cornus</i>	Dogwoods	L
<i>Enkianthus</i>	Enkianthus	L
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweet Bay Magnolia	L, M
<i>Oxydendron arboreum</i>	Sourwood	L, M

Shade-Loving Groundcovers & Vines

Code

<i>Ajuga</i>	Ajuga	M
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	Bittersweet	L, M
<i>Clematis paniculata</i>	Clematis	L
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Wintercreeper	M
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy	D
<i>Hydrangea petiolaris</i>	Climbing Hydrangea	L, M
<i>Liriope</i>	Liriope	D
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>	Pachysandra	D

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