

We're Here to Help!

Each of our perennial, annual, and shrubs sections have areas dedicated to plants that enjoy shade from the intense Colorado sun.

Stop by to peruse these areas or to ask us for help in plant selection.

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Made for the Shade

Annuals, perennials, and shrubs
for shady areas



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Shady Solutions

Considered a tricky piece of real estate are those areas under large trees or northern exposures. The secret to gardening success in these conditions may require a little analysis.

Sun Exposure?

If the area receives four hours or less of sun per day, shade-loving plants may be the answer. If lack of moisture is not a factor, there are shade loving plants that will enjoy soil rich in organic matter and moist roots.

Hydrangea
Daphne
Rhododendron
Holly
Yew
Serviceberry
Spirea
Cotoneaster
Irish moss
Columbine
Creeping Jenny
Creeping Veronica
Sweet Woodruff
English Ivy
Brunnera
Fern

Astilbe
Hellebores
Heuchera varieties
Bleeding hearts
Hosta
Oregon Grape Holly
Euonymus bush & creeping types

Lack of Moisture?

Moisture is another factor to consider in conjunction with your shady area. For example, if one is trying to plant under an evergreen tree...such as a large pine or spruce, it may not be the acidic soil condition that is the overwhelming problem, but moreover, tremendous root volume competing for space and moisture. If this describes an area with which you've had trouble, consider shade-type plants that can adapt to drier conditions such as:

Euonymus bush & creeping types
Oregon Grape Holly
Creeping Mahonia
Heuchera varieties
Japanese Barberry
Kinnickinnick (Bearberry)
Pyracantha
Periwinkle
Lily of the Valley
Ajuga
Foxglove
Virginia Creeper Vine

Seasonal Color

Another palette of plants for the shade include annual flowers. Sited beneath a shady deck or dappled light, as under the canopy of trees, annuals can offer a bright burst of color. Some will need more moisture such as:

Impatiens
Fuschia
Coleus
Torenia
Lobelia
Nemesia

While still others are more drought tolerant once roots are established:

Begonias
English Ivy
Viola
Vinca Vine

