



PERENNIALS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Perennials for Sunny, Dry Areas

Aster
 Alyssum – A. ‘Basket of Gold’ or ‘Gold Dust’
 Babys Breath – Gypsophila
 Beard-tongue – Penstemon
 Bellflower – Campanula
 Blanket Flower – Gaillardia
 Bugleweed – Ajuga
 Bugloss – Anchusa
 Champion – Lychnis
 Candytuft – Iberis
 Catmint – Nepeta
 Creeping Phlox – Phlox Subulata
 Daylily – Hemerocallis
 False Indigo - Baptisia spp.
 Flax – Linum
 German Iris – Iris germanica
 German Statice – Goniolimon
 Globe Thistle - Echinops
 Hens and Chicks – Sempervivum
 Lamb’s Ear – Stachys
 Lavender – Lavendula
 Liatris
 Lily-of-the-Valley – Convallaria
 Maltese Cross – Lychnis chalcidonica
 Marguerite – Anthemis
 Ornamental Onion – Allium
 Pinks – Dianthus spp.
 Pussytoes – Antennaria dioica

Poppies – Papaver
 Rockcress – Aubrieta
 Rockrose – Helianthemum
 Rue – Ruta
 Russian Sage – Perovskia
 Sage – Salvia, Artemesia
 Sea Holly – Eryngium
 Snow-in-Summer – Cerastium
 Soapwort – Saponaria
 Spurge – Euphorbia
 Stonecrop – Sedum
 Sundrops – Oenothera
 Tickseed – Coreopsis
 Thrift – Armeria
 Thyme – Thymus
 Valerian – Centranthus rubra
 Yarrow – Achillea
 Yucca

Perennials for Ground Cover in Sunny Areas

Bugleweed – Ajuga
 Cliffgreen – Paxistima canbyi
 Creeping Jenny – Lysimachia nummularia
 Fleeceflower – Polygonum affine
 Hens and Chicks – Sempervivum
 Hops – Humulus
 Japanese Spurge – Pachysandra terminalis
 Kinnickinnick – Arctostaphylos uva-ursi
 Phlox (Creeping) – Phlox stolonifera
 Pinks – Dianthus deltoids
 Pussy Toes – Antennaria dioica
 Snow-In-Summer – Cerastium tomentosum
 Soapwart – Saponaria ocymoides
 Speedwell – Veronica repens, V. whiteleyi, V. incana
 Strawberry—Fragaria frel ‘Pink Panda’, ‘Lipstick’
 Stonecrop—Sedum
 Thyme—Thymus pseudolanuginosus (Wooly Thyme)

Perennials that tolerate Wet Soils

Astilbe ‘Superba’,
 Beebalm—Monarda didyma
 Bergenia—Bergenia cordifolia
 Bugbane—Cimicifuga simplex
 Butterflyweed - Asclepias incarnata
 Cardinal flower—Lobelia cardinalis
 Creeping Jenny—Lysimachia nummularia
 Matteucia struthiopteris—Ostrich Fern
 Osmunda regalis—Royal Fern
 Fleeceflower—Polygonum bistorta
 Forget-Me-Not—Myosotis
 Globeflower—Trollius
 Goatsbeard—Aruncus dioicus
 Gooseneck Loosestrife - Lysimachia clethroides
 Hosta—Hosta sieboldiana and H. undulata
 Hosta fortunei ‘Albopicto or ‘Aurea’
 Iris—Iris ensata
 Iris—Yellow flag and blue flag
 Iris—Iris sibirica
 Japanese Spurge—Pachysandra terminalis
 Joe Pye Weed—Eupatorium
 Ligularia—Ligularia
 Marsh Marigold—Caltha palustris
 Meadowsweet—Filipendula
 Obedient Plant—Physostegia virginiana
 Rhubarb—Rheum palmatum
 Primrose—Primula spp.
 Ribbon Grass—Phalaris arundinacea
 Rodgersia—Rodgersia aesculifolia, R. pinnata, R. tabularis
 Sneezeweed—Helenium autumnale
 Sweet Woodruff—Galium
 Turtlehead—Chelone
 Loosestrife—Lysimachia

Perennials for Rock Gardens

Alyssum—Alyssum saxatile
 Aster—Aster alpinus
 Bellflower—Campanula carpatica, C. cochlearifolia
 Bitterroot—Lewisia
 Blue Flax—Linum

Calamint—Calamintha
 Campion—Lychnis alpina, Silene acaulis, Silene schafta
 Candytuft—Iberis
 Columbine—Aquilegia alpina, A. flabellata
 Cranesbill—Geranium sanguineum, G. cinereum, G. dalmaticum
 Creeping Baby's Breath—Gypsophila repens
 Edelweiss—Leontopodium alpinum
 Forget-me-not—Myosotis alpestris
 Gentian—Gentiana spp.
 Hens and Chicks—Sempervivum
 Iris, Dwarf—Iris pumila, Iris setosa
 Lady's Mantle—Alchemilla alpina, A. erythropoda
 Lewisia—Lewisia cotyledon
 Pasque-Flower—Anemone pulsatilla
 Phlox, Creeping—Phlox subulata, P. borealis, P. douglasii
 Poppy, Alpine—Papaver alpinum
 Primrose—Prumula auriculata
 Pussytoes—Antennaria
 Rockcress—Aubrieta
 Rockfoil—Saxifraga Sandwort—Arenaria montana
 Shooting Stars—Dodecatheon meadia
 Silver Mound—Artemisia schmidtiana
 Snow-in-Summer—Cerastium
 Soapwort—Saponaria ocymoides
 Speedwell—Veronica repens, V. prostata,
 Stonecrop—Sedum
 Sunrose—Helianthemum
 Thrift—Armeria maritima, A. juniperifolia
 Thyme—Thymus
 Tunic Flower—Tunica saxifraga
 Viola—Viola spp

Perennials that Tolerate Shade

Astilbe—Astilbe spp.
 Bleeding Heart - Dicentra
 Bugbane or Snakeroot—Cimicifuga

Columbine—Aquilegia
 Coralbells—Heuchera
 Corydalis—Corydalis
 False Lamium—Lamiastrum
 Ferns
 Foxglove - Digitalis
 Globeflower—Trollius
 Goatsbeard—Aruncus
 Hellebore - Helleborus
 Hosta—Hosta spp.
 Lady's Mantle—Alchemilla mollis
 Lamium—Lamium spp.
 Leopard's Bane—Doronicum cordatum
 Ligularia - Ligularia spp
 Lily of the Valley—Convallaria
 Loosestrife—Lysimachia
 Lungwort—Pulmonaria
 Meadowrue—Thalictrum
 Meadowsweet—Filipendula
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 Toad Lily - Tricyrta hirta

Perennials for Ground Cover in Shady Areas

Anemone—Anemone sylvestris
 Bergenia
 Creeping Jenny—Lysimachia nummularia
 Fern—Ostrich Fern
 Goutweed—Aegopodium
 Hosta—Hosta
 Lady's Mantle—Alchemilla mollis
 Lamium—Lamium
 Lily of the Valley—Convallaria majalis
 Periwinkle—Vinca
 Sweet Woodruff—Galium odoratum

Perennials for Shady, Dry Areas

When newly planted, they need lots of water until established.

Anemone - Anemone sylvestris
 Bishop's Hat - Epimedium x rubrum
 Bergenia
 Bleeding Heart - Dicentra exima
 Bunchberry - Cornus canadensis
 Fern, Male - Dryopteris filix-mas
 Fox glove - Digitalis grandiflora
 Goutweed - Aegopodium (invasive)
 Hosta
 Japanese Spurge - Pachysandra
 Lamium - Lamium maculatum
 Lily-of-the-Valley - Convallaria majalis
 Periwinkle - Vinca

Perennials for Heavy Shade and Moist Soil

Areas

Bishop's Hat—Epimedium
 Bunchberry—Cornus canadensis
 Bugleweed—Ajuga
 Fern—Osmunda royalis (Royal), Matteucia struthiopteris (Ostrich Fern)
 Hosta—Hosta
 Japanese Spurge—Pachysandra terminalis
 Lamium—Lamium maculatum
 Lily of the Valley—Convallaria majalis
 Lungwort—Pulmonaria
 Meadow Rue—Thalictrum
 Meadowsweet—Filipendula
 Periwinkle—Vinca
 Solomon's Seal—Polygonatum
 Wintergreen—Gaultheria procumbens



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