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Perennials that love shade

(*light shade or part shade only)

Aconitum (Monkshood)
Ajuga (Bugleweed)
Alchemilla (Lady's Mantle)
*Anemone
Aquilegia (Columbine)
Aruncus (Goatsbeard)
*Astilbe
Brunnera
Carex
Ceratostigma (Leadwort)
*Chelone (Pink Turtlehead)
Cimicifuga (Black Snakeroot, Bugbane)
Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)
Corydalis
Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)
*Digitalis (Foxglove)
*Doronicum (Leopardsbane)
Epimedium (Barrenwort)
Ferns
*Filipendula (Meadowsweet)
Galium (Sweet Woodruff)
*Geranium (Cranesbill)
Hakonechloa (Japanese Forest Grass)
*Helleborus (Lenten Rose, Christmas Rose)
*Hemerocallis (Daylily)
*Heuchera (Frosted Violet, Regina, Palace Purple, Silver Scrolls)
Heucherella (Foamy Bells)
Hosta
*Houttuynia (Chameleon Plant)
Kirengeshoma (Yellow Waxbells)
Lamiastrum (Golden Nettle, Archangel Plant)
Lamium (Deadnettle)
Ligularia
Liriope
*Myosotis (Forget-me-not)
Persicaria
Phlox divaricata (Woodland Phlox)
Phlox stolonifera
*Platycodon (Balloon Flower)
*Polemonium (Jacob's Ladder)
Primula (Primrose)
Pulmonaria (Lungwort)
Rodgersia (Roger's Flower)
*Rudbeckia (Blackeyed Susan)
Sagina (Irish Moss, Scotch Moss)
Spigelia (Indian Pink)
Polygonatum (Solomon's Seal)
*Thalictrum (Meadow Rue)
Tiarella (Foamflower)
*Tradescantia (Spiderwort)
Tricyrtis (Toad Lily)
*Trollius (Globeflower)
Viola



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Vines

*Ampelopsis (Porcelain Vine)
Climbing Hydrangea
Parthenocissus (Boston Ivy, Virginia Creeper)
Schizophragma (False Hydrangea)

Shrubs

Abelia
*Aronia (Chokeberry)
Azalea
*Buxus (Boxwood)
Calycanthus (Sweet Shrub)
Cephalanthus (Button Bush)
*Clethra (Summersweet)
*Daphne
*Enkianthus
*Forsythia
*Hamamelis (Witchhazel)
Hydrangea
*Ilex (Holly)
Itea (Virginia Sweetspire)
*Kalmia (Mountain Laurel)
Kerria
*Leucothoe
*Lindera (Spicebush)
Mahonia (Oregon Grape Holly)
Microbiota (Siberian Cypress, Russian Cypress)
Pieris (Japanese Andromeda, Lily of the Valley Bush)
Rhododendron
*Rosa (Knockout, Peter Mayle)
*Taxus (Yew)
*Thuja (Arborvitae)
Tsuga (Hemlock)
Viburnum

Annuals

Begonia, including Wax and Nonstop
Browallia
Caladium
Coleus
Fuchsia
Impatiens, including Fiesta Double and New Guinea
Iresine
Lobelia
*Lysimachia (Golden Globe)
*Nicotiana (Flowering Tobacco)
Strobilanthes (Persian Shield)
Torenia (Wishbone Flower)
Vinca Vine

Ground Covers

Ajuga
Asarum (Ginger)
Aegopodium (Snow on the Mountain)
Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)
Hedera (Ivy)
Pachysandra
Vinca (Myrtle; Periwinkle)
Viola (Violets)



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