

Plants for Part Shade

Part shade areas are common in many landscapes and can support a wide variety of plants when the right selections are made. While light levels are lower, many plants thrive in these conditions and provide color, texture, and seasonal interest. This guide outlines plants well-suited for part shade, along with key characteristics to help you choose the right fit for your space.

Annuals

- Alyssum
- Begonia
- Caladium
- Coleus
- Fuchsia
- Impatiens
- Iresine
- Nemesia
- Polka Dot
- Potato Vine
- Purple Heart
- Rex Begonia
- Viola

Evergreens

- Arborvitae
- Azalea
- Boxwood
- Hemlock
- Holly
- Rhododendron
- Yew

Trees

- Cornelian Dogwood
- Hornbeam
- Japanese Maple
- Redbud
- Serviceberry
- Tri-Color Beech

Perennials

- Astilbe
- Bergenia
- Bleeding Heart
- Brunnera
- Columbine
- Coralbells
- Epimedium
- Ferns
- Goats Beard
- Hosta
- Jacob's Ladder
- Japanese Forest Grass
- Lady's Mantle
- Lamium
- Lily of the Valley
- Lungwort
- Pulmonaria
- Solomon's Seal
- Ivy
- Pachysandra
- Vinca

Shrubs

- Alpine Currant
- Burning Bush
- Calycanthus
- Chokeberry Red & Black
- Clethra
- Climbing Hydrangea
- Diervilla
- Dogwood Red Twig
- Dogwood Ivory Halo
- Fothergilla
- Hydrangea
- Itea
- Kerria
- Sweetshrub
- Vernal Witchhazel
- Viburnum