

GROUNDCOVER

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT	SPREAD	DESCRIPTION	LIGHT
<i>Aegopodium 'Variegatum'</i>	Snow-on-the-Mountain	30-60cm	Variable	Variegated green & white foliage; quickly forms solid patch, vigorous and wide spreading. Use only in large areas.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Ajuga sp.</i>	Bugleweed	10-15cm	30-45cm	Forms a dense mat of small leaves; purple spike flowers. Many colourful varieties available, including those with black leaves.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Andromeda polifolia 'Blue Ice'</i>	Blue Ice Bog Rosemary	30cm	90cm	Very low growing evergreen shrub with silvery rosemary-like foliage and pink flowers in spring. Needs rich, acidic soil.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Arabis caucasia</i>	Rock Cress	20cm	Variable	Small blossoms in spring; likes dry sites. Ideal for trailing walls.	Sun
<i>Arenaria montana</i>	Mountain Sandwort	10cm	Variable	Large white flowers on a compact green mat. Slow growing.	Sun
<i>Arctostaphylos 'uva-ursi'</i>	Bearberry	15cm	1m	Broadleaf evergreen shrub, crimson leaves in fall.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heath/Heather	30cm	1m	Broadleaf evergreen for acidic soil. Many varieties available, some bloom in late winter, others in fall.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Cerastium plumbaginoides</i>	Blue Leadwort	25cm	Variable	Bright blue fall flowers on a spreading mat of green. Red in fall.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-Valley	10-15cm	Variable	Fragrant white flowers in spring, good under shade trees. Native. Spreads by underground roots.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry	10-15cm	Variable	Tiny white flowers in spring, red fall colour. Native.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Coronilla varia</i>	Crown Vetch	30-60cm	60-90cm	Used for highway plantings; pink flowers; very aggressive. Useful for naturalizing large areas, not in gardens.	Sun
<i>Cotoneaster sp.</i>	Cotoneaster	20cm	1.8m	Semi-evergreen with white flowers in spring. Very hardy.	Sun/Shade
<i>Euonymus fortunei 'Coloratus'</i>	Purple-leaf Winter Creeper	30-45cm	Variable	Broadleaf evergreen with broad, dark green leaves than turn purple in winter. Durable and adaptable; wide spreading.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Erica sp.</i>	Heather	30cm	Variable	Broadleaf evergreen for acidic, sandy soil. Many varieties available, some bloom in late winter, others in fall.	Sun

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<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff	10-20cm	30-60cm	Native woodland groundcover also sold as an herb. Small white flowers throughout the season, tolerates heavy shade.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Wintergreen	10cm	1m	Broadleaf evergreen with white flowers and small red fruit. Fruit and foliage very fragrant when crushed. Needs acidic soil.	Sun/Shade
<i>Geranium sp.</i>	Cranesbill	12-50cm	Variable	Many varieties available with flowers from white to pink to blue and leaves from green purple-black. Mat-forming; fine leaves.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy	20-25cm	Variable	Evergreen, dark green foliage, use as groundcover or self-clinging vine. Very wide spreading and long-lived.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Houttuynia cordata</i>	Chameleon Plant	15-40cm	60-90cm	Leaves are a riot of green, yellow and red. White flowers. Spreads aggressively; needs moist soil.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Lamiastrum sp.</i>	False Lamium	20-30cm	60-90cm	Evergreen, small showy yellow blooms.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Lamium sp.</i>	Lamium	15-20cm	30-60cm	Many different cultivars with variations of silver leaves, blooms ranging from white to purple.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Leptinella sp.</i>	Brass Buttons	1-5cm	25-30cm	Unique plant, used between flagstones or as lawn substitute. Dark foliage, bordering on black in colour.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	Creeping Jenny	5-10cm	45-60cm	Round leaves, yellow blooms, use as groundcover or trailer in pots & hanging baskets.	Sun/Shade
<i>Mukdenia karasuba</i>	Mukdenia	20cm	Variable	Woodland groundcover with large leaves, brilliant red fall colour.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>	Japanese Spurge	15-20cm	15-30cm	Evergreen; small white flowers; slow to establish. Tolerates heavy shade.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Paxistima canbyi</i>	Mountain-lover	30cm	Variable	Trailing alpine evergreen with nodding white flowers.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Moss Phlox	15cm	30cm	Known for bright early spring blooms; many flowers colours available. Useful for a border or in a mass.	Sun
<i>Sagina subultata</i>	Irish/Scotch Moss	1-2cm	15-30cm	Moss-like perennial, small white flowers throughout the summer. Often used between flagstones or as lawn substitute.	Sun/Part Sun



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<i>Sedum sp.</i>	Stonecrop	10-15cm	30-60cm	Lots of variety in foliage & flower of this succulent, tolerant of dry conditions. Flowers late summer; beautiful fall colour.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Semervivum sp.</i>	Hens & Chicks	5-10cm	15-30cm	Small succulent loves dry conditions. Great rock garden plant.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Stachys sp</i>	Lamb's Ears	45cm	Variable	Unique woolly foliage resembles lamb's ear. Fast growing.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Stephanandra incisa 'Crispa'</i>	Cutleaf Stephanandra	60cm	1m	Roots wherever it touches the ground, white flowers in spring, red fall colour. Woody shrub.	Sun/Part Sun
<i>Thymus sp.</i>	Creeping Thyme	2-20cm	30-60cm	Small leaved herb, covered in small blooms. Used between flagstones or as lawn substitute. Delicious for cooking.	Sun
<i>Vinca sp.</i>	Periwinkle	10-15cm	Variable	Evergreen with purple-blue flowers that bloom throughout the season. Vine-like and fast spreading.	Shade/Part Sun
<i>Waldsteinia ternata</i>	Siberian Barren Strawberry	10cm	Variable	Underground roots form a dense mat; bright yellow spring flowers. Very adaptable; good for heavy shade.	Sun/Shade