

Plants for Shady Areas

Botanical Name / Common Name

Annuals

Begonia bolivienensis/Begonia
Browalia/Bush Violet
Caladium
Fuchsia
Impatiens
Lobelia
Lysimachia/Creeping Jenny
Nicotiana/Flowering Tobacco
Oxalis/Shamrock
Plectranthus scutellarioides/Coleus
Torenia/Wishbone Flower

Perennials

Ajuga reptans/Ajuga
Alchemilla vulgaris/Lady's Mantle
Anemone hupehensis/Japanese Anemone
Anemone pulsatilla/Pasque Flower or Wind Flower
Aquilegia/Columbine
Aruncus/Goat's Beard
Asarum/Wild Ginger
Aster/Aster
Astilbe/Astilbe
Brunnera macrophylla/Heartleaf Brunnera
Campanula/Bellflower
Chrysogonum virginianum/Green & Gold*
Cimicifuga/Bugbane or Snake Root*
Clematis paniculata/Sweet Autumn Clematis
Convallaria majalis/Lily of the Valley
Dicentra/Bleeding Heart
Digitalis/Foxglove
Epimedium/Barrenwort or Bishop's Hat
Eupatorium/Joe Pye Weed*
Euphorbia/Spurge
Ferns
Galium odoratum/Sweet Woodruff
Geranium/Geranium
Helleborus/Lenten Rose
Hemerocallis/Day Lily
Heuchera/Coral Bells*

Heucherella/Foamy Bells
Hosta/Hosta
Iris siberica/Siberian Iris
Lamium/Dead Nettle
Ligularia/Leopard Plant or Ragwort
Liriope/Lily Turf
Lobelia/Cardinal Flower*
Lysimachia/Loosestrife or Creeping Jenny
Monarda/Bee Balm*
Pachysandra/Pachysandra
Phlox divaricata/Woodland or Wild Blue Phlox*
Phlox stolonifera/Creeping Phlox*
Polemonium/Jacob's Ladder*
Polygonatum/Solomon's Seal*
Pulmonaria/Lungwort
Tiarella/Foamflower*
Trillium/Trillium*
Veronica/Speedwell*
Vinca minor/Periwinkle
Viola/Violet

Shrubs

Azalea/Azalea
Berberis thunbergii/Northern Barberry
Cornus florida/Flowering Dogwood*
Euonymus alatus 'Compacta' / Burning Bush
Euonymus fortunei/Wintercreeper
Hydrangea quercifolia/Oakleaf Hydrangea*
Ilex/Holly (all evergreen varieties)
Kalmia latifolia/Mountain Laurel*
Leucothoe axillaris/Coastal Leucothoe*
Leucothoe fontanesiana/Drooping Leucothoe*
Microbiota/Siberian Cypress or Russian Arborvitae
Pieris japonica/Japanese Andromeda
Rhododendron/Rhododendron (most varieties)
Skimmia/Skimmia

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Plants for Wet Soils

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Perennials

Alchemilla mollis/Lady's Mantle
 Aruncus dioicus/Goatsbeard
 Asclepias incarnate/Swamp Milkweed*
 Aster novae-angliae/New England Aster*
 Astilbe /Astilbe
 Athyrium filix-femina/Lady Fern
 Chelone /Turtle Head
 Cimicifuga racemosa/Snakeroot*
 Dicentra /Bleeding Heart
 Eupatorium/Joe Pye Weed*
 Helianthus angustifolius/Swamp Sunflower
 Hemerocallis /Daylily
 Hibiscus moscheutos/Swamp Rosemallow*
 Iris /Iris
 Ligularia/Ligularia
 Lobelia cardinalis/Cardinal Flower*
 Lobelia siphilitica/Great Blue Lobelia*
 Lysimachia terrestris/Swamp Candles/Yellow Loosestrife
 Lysimachia clethroides/Gooseneck Loosestrife
 Matteuccia struthiopteris/Ostrich Fern
 Mertensia virginica/Virginia Bluebells*
 Monarda didyma/Bee Balm*
 Onoclea sensibilis/Sensitive Fern
 Osmunda cinnamomea/Cinnamon Fern*
 Osmunda regalis/Royal Fern*
 Physostegia virginiana/Obedient Plant*
 Polygonatum /Solomon's Seal*
 Rudbeckia/Black Eyed Susan*
 Tiarella/Foam Flower*

Shrubs

Amelanchier arborea/Downy Serviceberry*
 Amelanchier canadensis/Shadblow Serviceberry*
 Amelanchier laevis/Allegheny Serviceberry
 Aronia arbutifolia/Red Chokecherry

Cephalanthus occidentalis/Buttonbush
 Clethra alnifolia/Sweet Pepperbush
 Cornus amomum/Silky Dogwood
 Cornus sericea/Red-osier Dogwood*
 Hamamelis virginiana/Witch Hazel
 Ilex glabra/Inkberry*
 Ilex verticillata/Winterberry*
 Kalmia latifolia/Mountain Laurel*
 Lindera benzoin/Spicebush*
 Myrica pensylvanica/Bayberry*
 Rhododendron viscosum/Swamp Azalea
 Salix discolor/Pussy Willow
 Spiraea alba/White Spirea
 Vaccinium corymbosum/Highbush Blueberry*
 Viburnum dentatum/Arrowwood*
 Viburnum lentago/Nannyberry*
 Viburnum trilobum/American Cranberry*

Trees

Acer rubrum/Red Maple
 Amelanchier arborea/Downy Serviceberry*
 Amelanchier canadensis/Shadblow Serviceberry*
 Betula lutea/Yellow Birch*
 Cercis canadensis/Eastern Redbud*
 Fraxinus nigra/Black Ash
 Liriodendron tulipera/Tulip Tree
 Quercus palustris/Pin Oak*
 Salix nigra/Black Willow/Swamp Willow
 Thuja occidentalis/Dark American Arborvitae
 Tsuga canadensis/Eastern Hemlock*

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Plants for Seaside Conditions

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Annuals

Begonia semperflorens/ Wax Begonia
Calendula/ Pot Marigold
Calibrachoa/ Seaside Petunia
Catharanthus/Periwinkle
Plectranthus scutellariodes / Coleus
Lantana camera / Lantana
Pelargonium peltatum / Ivy Geranium
Portulaca / Moss rose

Perennials

Achillea millefolium/Yarrow
Ajuga reptans/Ajuga or Bugleweed
Alcea rosea/Hollyhock
Aquilegia/Columbine
Arabis/Rock Cress
Armeria maritima/Sea Thrift
Asclepias tuberosa/Butterfly Weed*
Aster/Aster*
Astilbe/Astilbe
Baptisia australis/False Indigo*
Calamagrostis acutiflora/Feather Reed Grass
Cimicifuga/Bugbane or Snake Root*
Coreopsis/Tickseed*
Delphinium/Larkspur*
Dianthus/Dianthus
Dicentra spectabilis/Bleeding Heart
Digitalis/Foxglove
Euphorbia/Spurge or Milkwort
Festuca/Blue Fescue (Grass)*
Gaillardia/Blanket Flower*
Heuchera/Coral Bells or Alumroot*
Hibiscus moscheutos/Rose Mallow*
Hosta/Hosta
Iberis sempervirens/Candytuft
Iris germanica/Bearded Iris

Liriope/Lily Turf
Miscanthus sinensis/Ornamental Grass
Monarda didyma/Bee Balm*
Nepeta faassenii/Catmint
Paeonia/Peony
Panicum virgatum/Switch Grass*
Papaver orientale/Oriental Poppy
Pennisetum alopecuroides/Fountain Grass
Penstemon/Beardtongue*
Perovskia atriplicifolia/Russian Sage
Phlox/Phlox*
Rudbeckia/Black-eyed Susan*
Sedum/Stonecrop
Sempervivum/Hens and Chicks
Stachys/Lamb's Ear
Veronica/Speedwell*
Vinca minor/Periwinkle

Shrubs, Trees & Vines

Acer rubrum/Red Maple*
Berberis thunbergii/Barberry
Buddleia davidii/Butterfly Bush or Summer Lilac
Caryopteris x clandonensis/Blue Mist Shrub
Chamaecyparis pisifera/False Cypress
Clethra alnifolia/Summersweet
Cotoneaster/Cotoneaster
Erica/Heather
Euonymus alatus/Burning Bush
Euonymus fortunei/Wintercreeper
Hibiscus syriacus/Rose of Sharon
Hydrangea/Hydrangea
H. anomala petiolaris/Climbing Hydrangea
Hypericum/St. John's Wort
Ilex crenata/Japanese Holly

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Shrubs, Trees & Vines (cont.)

Ilex glabra/Inkberry*
Juniperus/Common Juniper
Ligustrum/Privet
Lonicera/Honeysuckle*
Malus/Crabapple
Microbiota decussata/Russian Cypress
Myrica pensylvanica/Northern Bayberry*
Picea glauca 'Conica'/Dwarf Alberta Spruce
Picea pungens 'Glauca'/Colorado Blue Spruce
Pinus mugo/Mugo Pine
Potentilla fruticosa/Shrubby Potentilla
Prunus cistena/Purpleleaf Sand Cherry
Rosa/Rose
Salix/Willow
Spiraea/Spirea or Meadowsweet
Syringa vulgaris/Common Lilac
Thuja occidentalis/Arborvitae or White Cedar
Vaccinium corymbosum/Highbush Blueberry*
Wisteria/Wisteria

These plants are tolerant of the extreme adverse conditions found along the seashore including salt spray, sand, temperature and wind.

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