



PLANTS FOR DRY SHADE

The following plants perform well in dry shade.* They can tolerate dim, dry conditions under tall trees or hedges or under eaves next to north-facing walls, or they can compete effectively with tree roots.

Before planting in dry shade, it is a good idea to improve the soil's water-holding capacity by adding organic matter such as compost, leaf mold, etc. Don't expect lush growth or appearance. Though most of the plants *tolerate* dry shade, they will not necessarily thrive, and will probably flower and fruit more sparingly.

GROUNDCOVERS

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>
Bramble	<i>Rubus calycinoides</i>
Creeping St. Johnswort, Aaron's Beard	<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>
Dwarf periwinkle	<i>Vinca minor</i>
Japanese Spurge	<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>
Lamb's ears	<i>Stachys byzantina</i>
Mexican daisy, Santa Barbara daisy	<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>
Snow-in-Summer	<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>
Sweet violet	<i>Viola odorata</i>
Viola	<i>Viola labradorica</i>
Winter-blooming Bergenia	<i>Bergenia crassifolia</i>

BULBS

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>
Belladonna Lily, Naked Lady	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>
Crested iris	<i>Iris japonica</i>
Cyclamen	<i>Cyclamen hederifolium</i>
Daffodil	<i>Narcissus</i>
Freesia	<i>Freesia</i>
Lily-of-the-Valley	<i>Convallaria majalis</i>
Spring Star Flower	<i>Ipheion uniflorum</i>

PERENNIALS

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>
Aloe	<i>Aloe</i>
Bellflower	<i>Campanula latifolia</i>
Bellflower	<i>Campanula primulifolia</i>
Blue Fescue	<i>Festuca ovina glauca</i>
California Fuchsia, Hummingbird Flower	<i>Zauschneria californica</i>
Cast Iron Plant	<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>
Common Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>

Corsican Hellebore	<i>Helleborus argutifolius</i>
Cranesbill Geranium	<i>Geranium macrorrhizum, G. palmatum</i>
Creeping Lily Turf	<i>Liriope spicata</i>
Crete Dittany	<i>Origanum dictamnus</i>
Daylily	<i>Hemerocallis</i>
Dusty Miller, Silver Lace	<i>Chrysanthemum ptarmicifolium</i>
Dwarf Plumbago	<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>
Epimedium	<i>Epimedium</i>
Eucomis	<i>Eucomis</i>
Eurphobia	<i>Euphorbia sp.</i>
Fairy Wand	<i>Dierama</i>
Foam Flower, Sugar-Scoop	<i>Tiarella</i>
Fortnight Lily, African Iris	<i>Dietes vegeta</i>
Gladwin Iris	<i>Iris foetidissima</i>
Hellebore	<i>Helleborus foetidus</i>
Inside-Out Flower	<i>Vancouveria planipetala</i>
Island Alum Root	<i>Heuchera maxima</i>
Italian Arum	<i>Arum italicum</i>
Japanese Anemone	<i>Anemone x hybrida</i>
Knotweed	<i>Polygonum capitatum</i>
Lenten Rose	<i>Helleborus orientalis</i>
Libertia formosa	<i>Libertia formosa</i>
Lily-of-the-Nile	<i>Agapanthus orientalis</i>
Maiden's Wreath	<i>Francoa ramosa</i>
Maiden's Wreath	<i>Francoa sonchifolia</i>
Monkey Flower	<i>Mimulus (Diplacus) hybrids</i>
Peruvian Lily	<i>Alstroemeria ligtu</i>
Peruvian Lily	<i>Alstroemeria pulchella</i>
Peruvian Lily	<i>Alstroemeria aurantiaca</i>
Red-Hot Poker, Poker Plant, Torch-Lily	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>
Redwood Sorrel, Oregon Oxalis	<i>Oxalis oregana</i>
Society Garlic	<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>
Statice, Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium latifolium</i>
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum spathulifolium</i>
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum spectabile</i>
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum spurium</i>
Trailing Mallow	<i>Modiolastrum lateritum</i>

FERNS

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>
---------------------------	------------------------------

Giant Chain Fern	<i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>
Licorice Fern	<i>Polypodium glycyrrhiza (vulgare occidentale)</i>
Sword Fern	<i>Polystichum munitum</i>
Wood Fern	<i>Dryopteris</i>

VINES

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>
---------------------------	------------------------------

Boston Ivy	<i>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</i>
Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Lilac vine "Happy Wanderer"	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>

SHRUBS

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>
(Same as botanical)	<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>
(Same as botanical)	<i>Kerria japonica</i>
(Same as botanical)	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>
“Louis Edmunds” Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos bakeri</i> “Louis Edmunds”
Australian Fuchsia	<i>Correa reflexa</i>
Australian Fuchsia – “Dusky Bells”	<i>Correa</i> “Dusky Bells”
Boxwood	<i>Buxus</i>
Butcher’s Broom	<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>
Butcher’s Broom	<i>Ruscus hypoglossum</i>
Butterfly Bush, Summer Lilac	<i>Buddleia davidii</i>
California Holly Grape	<i>Mahonia pinnata</i>
California Privet	<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>
Catalina Perfume, Evergreen Currant	<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i>
Chinese Holly	<i>Ilex cornuta</i>
Coast Silktassel	<i>Garrya elliptica</i>
Common Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpus albus laevigatus</i>
Coral Snowberry, Indian Currant	<i>Symphoricarpus orbiculatus</i>
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster</i>
Cream Bush, Ocean Spray	<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>
Darwin Barberry	<i>Berberis darwinii</i>
English Holly, Christmas Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>
Escallonia	<i>Escallonia</i>
Evergreen Huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i>
False Spiraea	<i>Sorbaria sorbifolia</i>
Filbert, Hazelnut	<i>Corylus</i>
Flowering Maple, Chinese Bellflower	<i>Abutilon megapotamicum</i>
Flowering Maple, Chinese Bellflower	<i>Abutilon hybridum</i>
Flowering Quince	<i>Chaenomeles</i>
Forsythia	<i>Forsythia x intermedia</i>
Fort Bragg Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos nummularia</i>
Heavenly Bamboo, Sacred Bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>
Hollyleaf Cherry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>
India Hawthorn	<i>Rhaphiolepis indica</i>
Island Bush Poppy	<i>Dendromecon harfordii</i>
Italian Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>
Japanese Aucuba	<i>Aucuba japonica</i>
Japanese Barberry	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>
Japanese Privet, Wax-Leaf Privet	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>
Mock Orange	<i>Philadelphus virginialis</i>
Oregon Grape	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>
Pacific Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica californica</i>
Russian Olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>
Smoke Tree	<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>
Sweet Sarcococca	<i>Sarcococca ruscifolia</i>
True Myrtle	<i>Myrtus communis</i>
Western Redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>
Wild Lilac – “Blue Blossom”	<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus</i>

Wild Lilac – “Carmel Creeper” *Ceanothus griseus var. horizontalis*
Winter Daphne *Daphne odora*
Yaupon *Ilex vomitoria*

TREES

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>
Vine maple	<i>Acer circinatum</i>
California Buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>
Arbutus	<i>Arbutus andrachne</i>
Strawberry Tree	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>
Boxleaf Azara	<i>Azara microphylla</i>
Bottle Tree	<i>Brachychiton populneus</i>
Maidenhair Tree	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>
Chinese Flame Tree	<i>Koelreuteria bipinnata</i>
Sweet Bay, Grecian Laurel	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>
Tanbark Oak	<i>Lithocarpus desniflorus</i>
Fruitless Mulberry	<i>Morus alba</i> “Fruitless”
Sour Gum, Tupelo, Pepperidge	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>
Scotch Pine	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>
Long-leafed Yellow-wood	<i>Podocarpus henkelii</i>
Yew Pine	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>



Plant list provided by:

* **Sources:**

- Coate, B. *Water Conserving Plants & Landscapes for the Bay Area*. East Bay Municipal Utility District, 1990.
- Ferguson, Nicola. *Right Plant, Right Place*. New York: Summit Books, 1984.
- *Gardening With Shade*. Menlo Park, CA: Lane Publishing Co.
- Hagen, B., Coate, B., & Oldham, K. *Compatible Plants Under and Around Oaks*. Sacramento: California Oak Foundation, 1991.
- Lane Publishing Company. *Gardening With Shade*. Menlo Park, CA.
- Oldbrich, Marshall. *Plants for Dry Shade*. Berkeley, CA: Spring 1983.
- Perry, Bob. *Landscape Plants for Western Regions*. Claremont, CA: Land Design Publishing, 1992.
- *Plants for Dry Shade*. Berkeley Horticulture Nursery. 11 May 1999 <http://www.berkeleyhort.com/dryshade.htm>.
- Sunset Publishing Corporation. *Western Garden Book*. Menlo Park, CA: 1995.
- *Taylor's Guide to Water-Saving Gardening*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1990
- Thomas, Graham Stuart. *Perennial Garden Plants, 3rd edition*. London: J.M. Dent & Sons, Ltd.