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Recommended Ground Covers

Ground Covers for Shade

Wintercreeper
Japanese spurge
Periwinkle, myrtle

Ground Covers for Sun

Wintercreeper
Edging candytuft
Japanese garden juniper
Sargent juniper
Shore juniper
Creeping juniper

Deciduous Plants Full/Partial Shade

Carpet bugleweed
Goutweed, bishop's weed
Hosta lancifolia
Lily-of-the-valley
Spotted dead nettle

Deciduous Plants for Sun

Crown vetch
Cranberry cotoneaster
Stonecrop

Invasive Ground Covers

Goutweed, bishop's weed

Carpet bugleweed
Crown vetch

Ground Covers for Acid Soils

All the plants listed below will thrive in the soil ph range of 6.0-6.5

Barrenwort
Lily of the valley
Forsythia
Edging Candytuft

Ground covers for Moist Soils

If the soil is essentially moist but only occasionally thoroughly wet, almost any of the following plants should be acceptable. If the soil is actually wet a greater part of the season, only a few will survive.

Japanese spurge
Bugle weed
Sweet woodruff
Hosta species
Creeping speedwell

Wintercreeper
Goutweed
Sweet woodruff
Hosta Species
Daphne spirea
Juniper
Honeysuckle
Lemon Thyme
Moss phlox
Rose
Stonecrop
Hens and chickens
Speedwell
Periwinkle, myrtle