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Key: 
  Full Sun 
  Pt. Shade 
  Shade 
  Wet-Moist 
  Moist-Dry




Scientific Name	Common Name	Light	Moisture	Uses
<i>Acer rubrum</i> (Canopy tree)	Red maple			Plant as a specimen tree for the lawn, street or park. It is of note that this tree has a shallow, flattened root system that may buckle nearby sidewalks or driveways if planted too close.
<i>Acer saccharum</i> (Canopy tree)	Sugar maple			Excellent specimen tree for the lawn with beautiful fall color. May be used as a street tree as long as it can be located on a street and in a location where road salt, soil compaction and pollution will not be significant problems.
<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	Black Cohosh			Naturalizing shade areas, pollinator
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Northern maidenhair fern			Naturalizing shade areas, slopes
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	anise hyssop			Naturalizing, borders, pollinator
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i> (Understory tree)	Service berry			Best in shrub borders, or in woodland, naturalized or native plant gardens, especially with dark or shaded backdrops which tend to highlight the form, flowers and fall color of the plant. Also effective along stream banks and ponds.
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	blue star			Informal gardens, borders, wooded areas
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> (Grass)	big blue stem			Grass-ack of borders, vertical accent in gardens, erosion control
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	columbine			Borders, cottage gardens, open shade gardens, woodland gardens or naturalized areas
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Wild ginger			Ground cover in shady areas, woodland gardens, edging
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp milkweed			Sunny borders, stream/pond banks, butterfly gardens. A good plant for low spots or other moist areas in the landscape.
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly weed			Butterfly gardens, meadows, borders and slopes
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady fern			Rock gardens, woodland gardens, shaded border fronts or shade gardens. Also effective in shaded areas along streams or ponds.
<i>Betula nigra</i> (Canopy tree)	River birch			Specimen or small groupings for lawns and for wet soils along ponds, streams or in low spots.











Baptisia australis	blue false indigo	 		Borders, cottage gardens, meadows and native plant gardens. Effective in naturalized settings. Best as a specimen or in small groups.
Ceanothus americanus (Shrub)	New Jersey Tea	 		Shrub borders or native plant gardens. Also effective as a shrubby ground cover for hard-to-grow areas such as dry rocky slopes and banks.
Cercis canadensis (Understory tree)	Eastern Redbud	 		Specimen or small groups. Lawns, shrub borders, woodland margins, or along patios. Street tree or lawn tree. Attractive in naturalized settings.
Chelone glabra	White turtlehead			Shade or woodland gardens. Bog gardens. Pond or water garden peripheries. Wildflower or native plant gardens.
Chelone lyonii	Pink Turtlehead	 		Borders as long as the soil moisture requirements can be met.
Chrysogonum virginianum	Green and gold	 		Ground cover for woodland gardens, native plant gardens or naturalized areas. Edging for woodland paths. May be used in shaded areas of border fronts or rock gardens.
Coreopsis auriculata	Ear-leaved tickseed			Bright flowers and long bloom provide excellent accent in borders or meadows. Best in groups or massed. Also effective as an edger for walks/paths. Will form colonies if allowed to spread.
Coreopsis lanceolata	Lanceleaf coreopsis			Best naturalized in native wildflower gardens, meadows or prairies. Good plant for areas with poor, dry soils. Can be effective in borders, but self-seeding tendencies must be kept in check.
Coreopsis verticillata	Threadleaf coreopsis			Borders. Also effective in naturalized areas, native plant gardens or cottage gardens. Good plant for areas with poor, dry soils.
Cornus florida (Understory tree)	Flowering dogwood	 		Popular as a specimen or small grouping on residential property around homes, near patios or in lawns. Also effective in woodland, bird or native plant gardens.
Cornus sericea	Red twig dogwood	 		Effective in shrub borders where plants can be combined with evergreens for contrasting color. Plants perform very well in wet locations where spreading roots can help combat soil erosion. May also be used as a property line screen.

Dicentra cucullaria	Dutchman's breeches	 		Best naturalized in woodland, wildflower or native plant gardens. Generally considered inappropriate for borders because the plants go dormant by summer.
Dicentra eximia	Bleeding heart			Shaded border, woodland garden, rock garden, wildflower garden or naturalized area.
Echinacea pallida	Pale purple coneflower	 		Mass in the border, native plant garden, naturalized area, prairie, wildflower meadow or part shade areas of woodland garden. Good fresh cut or dried flower.
Echinacea purpurea	Purple coneflower	 		Excellent, long-blooming flower for massing in the border, meadow, native plant garden, naturalized area, wildflower garden or part shade area of woodland garden. Often massed with black-eyed Susans (rudbeckias).
Eutrochium purpureum	Joe-Pye weed	 		Many people perceive Joe-Pye weed to be nothing more than a roadside weed and have never seriously considered its outstanding ornamental attributes. It is a substantial plant which needs space, but when planted in groups or massed can provide spectacular flowering and architectural height. Border rears, cottage gardens, meadows, native plant gardens, wild/naturalized areas or water margins.
Eurybia divaricata	White wood aster	 		Open shade gardens, woodland areas, native plant gardens or cottage gardens.
Fagus grandifolia (Canopy tree)	American beech	 		Shade tree. A large tree for a large space. Large lawns
Fothergilla gardenii (Shrub)	dwarf fothergilla	 		Compact specimen or accent that may also be grown in groups or massed. Shrub borders, foundations, cottage gardens, open woodland areas or native plant areas. Small hedge.
Gaillardia	blanket flower			Perennial borders, cottage gardens and cutting gardens. Excellent fresh cut flower. May be naturalized in wild areas.
Geranium maculatum	Wild geranium	 		Best in part shade areas of borders and woodland gardens. Mass for ground cover.
Gaura lindheimeri	guara			Effective in sunny borders. Best in groups or massed. May be grown in containers.
Hamamelis virginiana (Shrub)	Common witch hazel	 		Shrub borders, woodland gardens. Screen or tall hedge.

Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed			Borders. Also effective in cottage gardens, wild gardens, naturalized areas or in moist soils along bodies of water.
Heliopsis helianthoides	Oxeye sunflower			Provides long summer bloom for the perennial border or cutting garden. Also effective in a native plant or wild garden or as part of a naturalized planting.
Heuchera americana	Coral bells	 		Attractive foliage and airy flower panicles provide color and contrast to the rock garden, perennial border, native plant garden, open woodland garden or shade garden. Good edging plant. Mass to form an attractive ground cover.
Hydrangea arborescens (Shrub)	Smooth hydrangea			Mass or group in part shade areas of the mixed shrub border, woodland garden or as background for a perennial border. Naturalize in woodland or native plant gardens
Hydrangea quercifolia (Shrub)	Oakleaf hydrangea	 		Effective as a specimen or accent for foundations or other locations near homes or patios. Group or mass in shrub borders or in open woodland areas.
Ilex glabra (Shrub)	inkberry	 		Mass or group. Excellent for shrub borders, foundation plantings or as a low hedge. Effective naturalized in moist woodland gardens or in moist locations near streams or ponds.
Ilex verticillata (Shrub)	winterberry	 		Year-round interest, highlighted by the showy display of red berries in winter. Mass or group in shrub borders, foundations, native plant areas or bird gardens. Hedge. Excellent shrub for moist soils in low spots or along streams and ponds.
Iris cristata	Dwarf crested iris	 		An excellent plant for early spring bloom in a shaded area of the rock garden, perennial border or woodland garden. Foliage forms a nice ground cover for woodland areas. May also be used as a seasonal ground cover or edger.
Iris versicolor	Blue flag iris	 		Best grouped in sunny areas of ponds or water gardens. May be grown in moist border areas.
Kalmia latifolia (Shrub)	Mountain laurel			Superior flowering shrub for groups or massing in shrub borders, cottage gardens, woodland areas or wild/naturalized areas. Hedge. Foundations. Compliments rhododendrons and azaleas.

<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing star			Mass in perennial borders, native plant gardens, and cottage gardens.
<i>Lindera benzoin</i> (Shrub)	Spice bush	 		Shrub borders, shade or woodland gardens, moist areas along streams or ponds, native plant gardens or naturalized plantings.
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Cardinal flower Blue cardinal flower	 	 	Effective in moist areas of woodland/shade gardens, along streams. Rain garden. Also adds late summer bloom and height to borders as long as soils are kept uniformly moist.
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia bluebells	 		Best massed and left undisturbed in moist, shady woodland, wildflower or native plant gardens. Clumps may be sprinkled in borders or rock gardens, but, since plants go dormant in summer, they must be used in conjunction with perennials (as ferns) which will expand as the growing season progresses.
<i>Monarda didyma</i> <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Bee balm Bee balm	   	  	Butterfly magnet for border fronts. Provides color and contrast for the perennial border, cottage garden, wild garden, native plant garden, meadow, herb garden, naturalized planting or along ponds or streams. Good plant for butterfly gardens and bird gardens.
<i>Packera aurea</i>	Golden groundsel/golden ragwort	 	 	Semi-evergreen ground cover for moist, shady areas. Large naturalized plantings in woodland gardens can be spectacular in bloom. Also effective in bog gardens, along streams or ponds, wild gardens, cottage gardens, native plant gardens or borders.
<i>Panicum virgatum</i> (Grass)	Switch grass	 	 	Accent, group or mass. Also effective as a screen. Perennial borders, wild gardens, native plant gardens, meadows or naturalized areas. Also appropriate for water gardens, bog gardens and along ponds.
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	beardtongue			Mass in sunny borders, wild gardens, native plant gardens or naturalized areas.
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Garden phlox	 		Garden phlox is a staple of the perennial border. Mixes well with other perennials and provides long summer bloom.

Phlox stolonifera	Creeping phlox	 		Ground cover for woodland gardens, shade gardens, native plant gardens or naturalized areas. An effective cover for early spring bulbs. Also appropriate for shaded areas of border fronts and rock gardens.
Phlox subulata	Moss phlox			Rock gardens, edgings, foundations or ground covers. Also appropriate for sunny areas of border fronts. Drape slightly over a rock wall.
Physocarpus opulifolius (Shrub)	ninebark	 		Mass in shrub borders. Effective as hedge, screen or for erosion control on banks. Native plant garden. Able to grow in harsh conditions.
Physostegia virginiana	Obedient plant			Borders, cottage gardens, wild gardens, prairies or meadows.
Pinus strobus (Canopy tree)	Eastern white pine	 		An excellent specimen tree for lawns. Site in areas with adequate space to accommodate future growth. May be planted as a hedge and sheared regularly to control growth.
Polemonium reptans	Jacob's ladder	 		Best in partially shaded areas of the rock garden, naturalized areas, woodland gardens or native plant gardens.
Polygonatum biflorum	Solomon's seal	 		Best in woodland gardens, wild gardens, naturalized areas or native plant gardens. May be used in partially shaded borders or rock gardens. Good with black cohosh and ferns.
Polystichum acrostichoides	Christmas fern	 		Woodland gardens, shade gardens or shady areas of borders, wild or native plant gardens. May also be planted in shady areas along walls or foundations. A good plant for massing on slopes (including drier, rocky ones) to help combat soil erosion. Evergreen
Quercus rubra (canopy tree)	Red Oak			Specimen, street tree, lawn tree
Rhododendron calendulaceum (Shrub)	Flame azalea			Group or specimen for shrub borders, mixed borders, open woodland gardens, native plant gardens and open shade gardens. Effective near patios and as a specimen around the home.
Rhododendron maximum (Shrub)	Rosebay rhododendron	 		Shrub borders. Shady locations. Naturalistic areas. Wood margins.
Rudbeckia fulgida	Black-eyed Susan			Mass in bold drifts in the perennial border, cottage garden, native plant garden or naturalized area.

Rudbeckia subtomentosa	Sweet coneflower	 		Mass in bold drifts in the perennial border, cottage garden, native plant garden or naturalized area.
Sedum ternatum	Three-leaved stonecrop	 		Best in rock gardens or as a ground cover. Native plant garden.
Solidago odora	Sweet goldenrod	 		Interesting goldenrod for native plant gardens. Also appropriate for borders, cottage gardens or butterfly gardens. May be grown in herb gardens.
Stylophorum diphyllum	Wood poppy	 	 	Naturalize in shaded areas of woodland, shade, wildflower or native plant gardens.
Symphotrichum novae-angliae	New England Aster			Mass or plant in groups. Effective naturalized in drifts in meadows or in native or wildflower gardens.
Symphotrichum novae-angliae 'Purple Dome'	New England Aster "Purple Dome"			Low habit makes this a good fall blooming plant for the border front or butterfly garden. Also useful as an edger.
Tiarella cordifolia	Foam flower	 		Shaded rock gardens, woodland gardens, border fronts, wild gardens, naturalistic plantings or moist areas along stream banks. Can be massed to form an attractive ground cover.
Tradescantia virginiana	Spider lily/spider wort	 		An interesting and long-blooming perennial for native plant gardens, woodland or shade gardens, wild gardens or naturalized areas. Can be grown in borders.
Tsuga canadensis (Canopy tree)	Eastern Hemlock	 		Evergreen conifer for shady areas of the landscape. Lawn specimen. Screen.
Verbena hastata	Blue vervain		 	Borders, meadows, native plant gardens or informal/naturalized areas.
Viola sororia	Common blue violet	 		Best massed and left to spread undisturbed in open woodland gardens, wildflower gardens, native plant gardens or naturalized areas. Good small-scale ground cover for areas along walkways or under shrubs.