

What Plant Would Grow Here?

PLANT LIST

(Specific plants in parentheses are in slideshow)

DRY SHADE

- Understory Trees:** Redbud (*Cercis canadensis* 'Appalachian Red', 'Carolina Sweetheart', 'Whitewater')
Bottlebrush Buckeye (*Aesculus parviflorum*)
- Evergreen Shrubs:** Japanese Plum Yew (*Cephalotaxus harringtonia* 'Procumbens', 'Duke Gardens')
Yellow Florida Anise (*Illicium parviflorum* 'Florida Sunshine')
Leatherleaf Mahonia hybrids (*M. x media* 'Winter Sun')
- Deciduous Shrubs:** Japanese Kerria (*Kerria japonica* 'Golden Guinea', 'Pleniflora')
Shrubby St John's Wort (*Hypericum frondosum*)
Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia* 'PeeWee', species)
Native azaleas (*Rhododendron canescens* 'Varnado Pink', *periclymenoides*, *alabamense*)
Fragrant Sumac (*Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Low')
- Perennials:** Bigroot Geranium (*Geranium macrorrhizum* 'Bevan's Variety')
Mountain Mints (*Pycnanthemum muticum*, *P. tenuifolium*)
Hellebores (*Helleborus x ballardiae* 'Pink Frost')
Fairy Wings (*Epimedium x 'Sulphureum'*, 'Lilafee')
Certain sedges (*Carex appalachica*, *C. platyphylla*)
Alumroot (*Heuchera villosa* 'Purpurea', 'Autumn Bride')
Cyclamen (*C. hederifolium*, *C. coum*)

TOO SHADY FOR A GRASS LAWN

Moss

BLASTING SUN/HELL STRIPS

- Trees:** Eastern Redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana* 'Taylor')
Chinese Redbud (*Cercis chinensis* 'Avondale')
- Shrubs:** Junipers (*J. sabina* 'Blue Star'; *J. virginiana* 'Royo')
Dwarf Jack Pine (*Pinus banksiana* 'Schoodic')
Autumn Sage (*Salvia greggii*)

Perennials: Baptisias (B. x 'Purple Smoke', x 'Carolina Moonlight')
Bluestars (Amsonia hubrichtii, A. x 'Storm Cloud')
Cheddar Pinks (Dianthus x 'Neon Star')
Tall Bearded Iris (reblooming 'Total Recall', 'Feedback')
Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia fulgida 'Early Bird Gold')
Sedums besides 'Autumn Joy' ('Cherry Truffle')

STEEP SLOPES

Shrubs: Virginia Sweetspire (Itea virginica) – sun or part shade
Junipers (Juniperus conferta 'All Gold'/'Golden Pacific') – sun
Double-flowered Oakleaf Hydrangea ('Snowflake', 'Harmony') – part shade to shade

Perennials: Woodland perennials (S.divaricatum, Solidago caesia) – shade
Evening Primrose (Oenothera fruticosa 'Fireworks', O. speciosa 'Siskiyou') – sun
Japanese Roof Iris (Iris tectorum) – sun to shade

Grass: Mexican Feather Grass (Nasella tenuissima) -- sun

PLACES THAT STAY MOIST

Shrubs: Hardy Hibiscus (Hibiscus moscheutos 'Blue River II', 'Midnight Marvel') -- sun
Buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) – sun to part shade
Winterberry Holly (Ilex verticillata 'Red Sprite') – sun; plant a male, too
Beautyberry (Callicarpa americana 'Welch's Pink') – part shade to shade

Perennials: Royal and Ostrich Ferns (Osmunda regalis, Matteuccia struthiopteris) – shade
Joe Pye Weed (Eutrochium dubium 'Little Joe') -- sun
Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata 'Soulmate')

SCREENING UTILITIES

Grasses: Maiden Grasses (Miscanthus 'Cosmopolitan', 'Morning Light') – sun to part sun
Switch Grass (Panicum virgatum 'Northwind', P. amarum 'Dewey Blue') -- sun

HIDING AN UGLY FENCE

Evergreen Vines: Cross Vine (Bignonia capreolata 'Tangerine Beauty') – sun or shade
Jessamine (Gelsemium x 'Butterscotch') -- sun
Coral Honeysuckle (Lonicera sempervirens 'Major Wheeler') – sun to part shade