

Ten Easy Native Plants for Shady Gardens

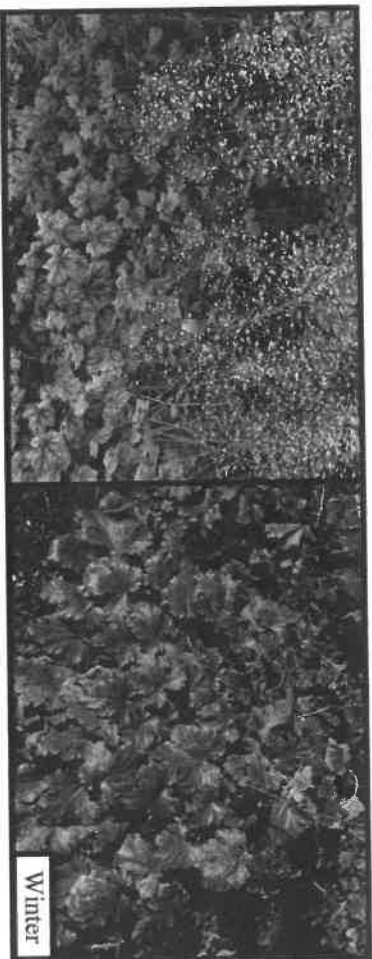
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Winter

Christmas Fern
Polystichum achrostichoides

This .5-2 foot tall fern is an evergreen ground cover. It requires moist soil with full to partial shade. It grows in clumps and is great for stabilizing a shady hillside. It's impartial to soil types. It makes a great border for a pathways since it will outline the path year round.



Winter

Coral Bells
Heuchera americana

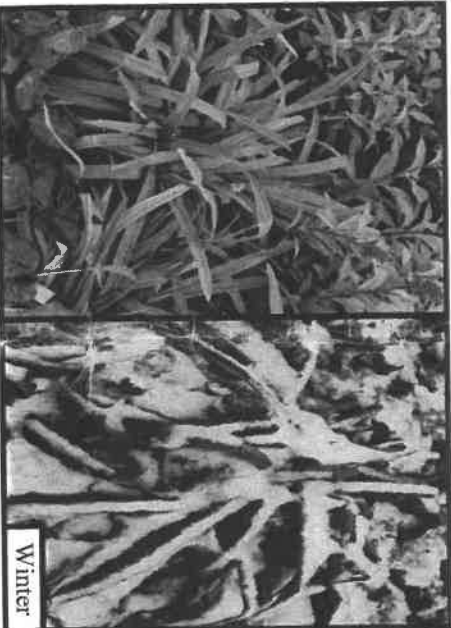
This 1-3.5 foot tall plant blooms from April to June. It requires dry to moist soil with full to partial shade. It is semi-evergreen and a favorite food of deer. Many cultivars exist with different leaf and flower colors. "Caramel" is a cultivar with caramel colored leaves which can handle sunnier and hotter locations.



Winter

Evergreen Wood Fern
Dryopteris intermedia

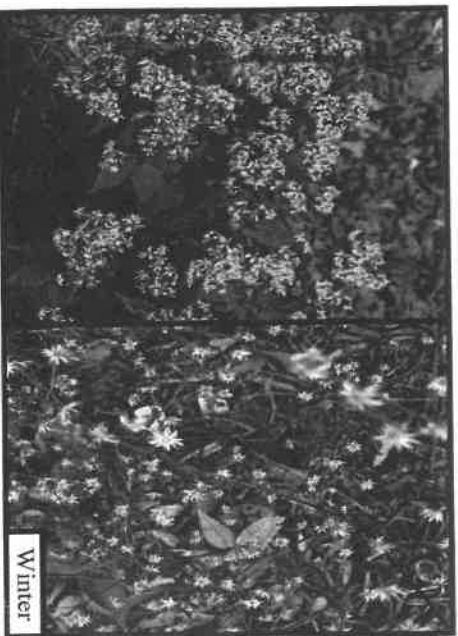
This 2.5 foot tall fern is an evergreen groundcover. It's Tolerant of dry, moist, and wet soil with full to partial shade. *Dryopteris marginalis* is an alternative that is similar to the *Dryopteris intermedia*.



Winter

Blue Wood Sedge
Carex glaucoidea

This .5-2 foot tall plant blooms from May to July. Its tolerant of dry and moist soils with full to partial shade. It's a semi-evergreen clump former that is a great alternative to Liriope.



Winter

White Wood Aster
Eurybia divaricata

This .5-3 foot tall plant blooms from July to October. It requires dry to moist soils with full to partial shade. This plant is a prolific spreader so make sure to plant it where you don't mind it spreading.



Woodland Phlox
Phlox divaricata

This 1.5 foot tall plant blooms from April to June. It requires moist soil with full to partial shade. This plant has aromatic showy flower in spring and then goes dormant in summer. It's semi-evergreen in winter showing only basal leaves. 'White Perfume' is a smaller denser cultivar with white flowers.



Eastern Columbine
Aquilegia canadensis

This 0.5-3 foot tall plant blooms mostly in April but flowers can last through July. It requires dry to moist soil with partial shade. This long lived perennial can re-seed and spread throughout the rest of your garden. "Little Lanterns" is a cultivar that is shorter in stature and has a more intense flower color.



Green and Gold
Chrysogonum virginianum

This 0.5-1 tall semi-evergreen groundcover blooms from March to June. It requires dry to moist soil with full to partial sunlight or shade. In moist soil this plant will bloom intermittently until the end of summer.



Golden Groundsel
Packera aureus or *Senecio aureus*

This 0.5-2.5 foot tall plant blooms from April to June. It requires moist to wet soil with full to partial sunlight or shade. This long blooming semi-evergreen plant is a prolific spreader.



Mountain Stonecrop
Sedum ternatum

This 0.5 foot tall plant blooms from April to June. It requires moist soil with full to partial shade. This evergreen groundcover is great for rock gardens.