

ROSEDALE PLANTSMAN'S
SUGGESTED PERENNIALS FOR SHADE

All of the following hardy perennials grow well in light or partial shade (1/2 day of direct sun, or light filtered through a high tree canopy). Plants marked with an asterisk (*) also grow well in moderate shade (less than 1/2 day of sun). Plants that tolerate light to dense shade are indicated with two asterisks (**). The varieties below are listed alphabetically by botanical name.

NEW/BLOOM TIME	HEIGHT	FLOWER/LEAF COLOR
Bear's Breech (<i>Acanthus mollis</i>) summer	2-3'	pink flowers/large, glossy, handsome leaves
Ladybells (<i>Adenophora lilifolia</i>) late summer	12-18"	blue bell-like flowers on spikes
Bugleweed ** (<i>Ajuga varieties</i>) May/June	6"	blue/foilage varies
Lady's Mantle (<i>Alchemilla vulgaris (A. Mollis)</i>) late spring/summer	12-18"	yellow
Windflower or Anemone - all species and hybrids (<i>Anemone</i>) September to frost	30-36"	white, pink
Columbine - all species and hybrids * (<i>Aquilegia</i>) May/June	12-30"	mixed colors
Goatsbeard * (<i>Aruncus dioicus</i> ; <i>A. aesthusifolius</i>) June/July	4-6'	cream
Canadian (wild) Ginger ** (<i>Asarum canadense</i>)	9-12"	beautiful foliage

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European Ginger ** (<i>Asarum europaeum</i>) (foliage plant or groundcover)	4-6"	glossy-green, heart-shaped leaves
Astilbe * (Spirea or Goatsbeard) (<i>Astilbe</i> - all species and hybrids) summer	18-36"	white, pink, red, lavender
Hardy Begonia * (<i>Begonia grandis</i>) summer	15-24"	H. pink
Bergenia or Saxifrage* (<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i> cultivars) summer	10-16"	pink, white, red
Siberian Bugloss * (Perennial Forget-Me-Not) (<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i>) May/June	18"	blue/large, rounded leaves
Bellflower (<i>Campanula</i> species and hybrids)	variable w/species	blue and white
Hardy Plumbago * (<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>) fall	6-10"	blue flowers/red fall foliage
Turtlehead (<i>Chelone obliqua</i>) late summer/fall	2-3'	purple, white
Snakeroot (or Bugbane) * (<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i> ; <i>C. simplex</i>) summer/fall	3-6'	white
Lily-of-the-Valley ** (<i>Convallaria majalis</i>) May/June	6-8"	white bells

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Dwarf Bleeding Hearts ** (<i>Dicentra exima</i> 'Snowdrift') (<i>Dicentra formosa</i> 'Luxuriant') (dwarf varieties) all summer	12-15"	white, pink
Bleeding Heart ** (<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>) May/June	2-3'	deep, pink/white
Foxglove (Species and hybrids) * (<i>Digitalis</i> - all varieties) June/July	24-42"	mixed colors
Leopard's Bane (<i>Doronicum cordatum</i>) June	15"	yellow
Barrenwort * (<i>Epimedium</i> varieties) May	6-9"	red, yellow, pink, lavender or white
Hardy Ferns - all varieties **	6-48"	feathery green fronds
Meadowsweet * (<i>Filipendula</i> varieties) summer	18-60"	white or pink
Funkia (see Hosta) *		
Sweet Woodruff * (<i>Galium odoratum</i>) June	8"	white
Hardy Geranium (<i>Geranium</i> species and hybrids) early summer	6-24"	white, pink, blue, magenta

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Hellebores (Lenten Rose, etc) * (<i>all Helleborus species and hybrids</i>) early spring	15-24"	white, pink, purple, green
Daylily (<i>Hemerocallis hybrids</i>) summer	12-30"	mixed
Coral Bells (<i>Heuchera species and hybrids</i>) June	8-15"	pink, red, white
Hosta (<i>species and hybrids</i>)* Summer	12-30"	white, lavender flowers/green, glaucous blue, or variegated Leaves.
Houttuynia * (<i>Houttuynia cordata 'Variegata'</i>)	6-12"	leaves mixed green, pink, cream
Kirengeshoma * (<i>Kirengeshoma koreana</i>) late summer	to 40"	yellow flowers; maple-like leaves
Archangel (<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon 'Hermans Pride'</i>) summer	8"	yellow, silver var. leaves
Spotted Dead Nettle * (<i>Lamium maculatum 'Beacon Silver' and 'White Nancy'</i>)	10-15"	pink, white, silvery-green leaves
Lilyturf * (<i>Liriope muscari cultivars</i>) August	12"	lavender/some with variegated foliage
Cardinal Flower * (<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>) July/September	to 3'	red
Loosestrife (<i>Lythrum virgatum and cultivars</i>)	18-24"	pink-red

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Virginia Bluebells * (<i>Mertensia virginica</i>) late spring/early summer	1-2'	blue
Bee Balm (<i>Monarda cultivars</i>) summer	3'	pink, red, white, purple
Forget-Me-Not (<i>Myosotis species</i>) May/June	8-15"	light blue
Mondo Grass * (<i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>) August	4-6"	lavender/very narrow leaves
Alleghany Spurge ** (<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>)	9-12"	green leaves w/silver marks
Dwarf Fleece Flower * (<i>Persicaria afinis 'Border Jewel'</i>) late spring	4"	pink
False Dragonhead * (<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>) August/September	2-3'	pink, white
May Apple * (<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>) spring	15-24"	white
Jacob's Ladder * (<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>) May/June	15-18"	blue
Variegated Solomon's Seal ** (<i>Polygonatum x hybridum 'Variegatum'</i>) July/August	18-24"	white, bell flowers; white-edged leaves
Primrose (<i>Primula species and hybrids</i>) April/June	6-15"	mixed colors

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Lungwort ** (<i>Pulmonaria saccharata</i> ; <i>P. longifolia</i>) Spring	6-10"	blue/pink flowers marbled leaves
Bronzeleaf Rodger's Flower * (<i>Rodgersia pinnata</i>) Summer	3-4'	rose-red
Bloodroot ** *(<i>Sanguinaria canadense</i>) early Spring	8-12"	white
Foamflower * (<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>) April/June	12"	white/maple-like foliage
Meadow Rue * (<i>Thalictrum varieties</i>) July/August	3-5'	yellow/soft blue-green leaves
Spiderwort ** (<i>Tradescantia hybrids</i>) all summer	18-30"	blue, white, red, purple
Japanese Toad Lily * (<i>Tricyrtis hirta</i>) early fall	18"	white and purple
Trillium ** (<i>Trillium species</i>) late spring	to 15"	white - Snow rillium red - Wake Robin
Globeflower * (<i>Trollius europaeus</i>) May/August	2'	yellow, orange
Speedwell or Veronica (<i>Veronica varieties</i>)	15-18"	blue, white, pink
Violets * (<i>Viola species and hybrids</i>)	6-10"	purple, white, blue, yellow
Barren Strawberry * (<i>Waldsteinia ternata</i>)	6-8"	yellow, strawberry-like flowers

CONSERVATORY PLANTS:

Flowering Maples (<i>Abutilon hybrids</i>)	3-4'	white or pink
Bear's Breech (<i>Acanthus mollis</i>)	18-24"	large, glossy, very handsome foliage; mauve flower spikes
Agapanthus species (<i>Agapanthus</i>) Summer	to 3'	long, strap-like foliage clusters of clear blue or white flowers
Clivia miniata Summer or February	24"	excellent, dark green, stump-like foliage; clear orange flowers with yellow center
Fuschias (all varieties)	12-30"	white, pink, red, or purple