





GROUND COVERS: Low growing and usually spreading plants that fill in the ground plane of the garden, reducing overall maintenance. When used in combination with compost and mulch, groundcovers help keep the soil healthy and moist. Many species have delicate floral blooms that add to the color to the garden, and once established, dense groundcovers help to keep weeds from taking over your garden.

Section - 1

Canadian Anemone



Wild Ginger



Bunchberry



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Canadian Anemone (*Anemone canadensis*)

Sun Requirements: Part shade to full shade

Soil Requirements: Moderately moist, sandy soils

Natural Habitat: Damp meadows and sandy shores

Mature Height: 12-24 inches

Wildlife Value: Bees and insects feed on the pollen

Garden Use: This is a very adaptable plant, excellent to fill in a large area quickly. As clumps become crowded, flowering may decrease. If this occurs, divide plants in the fall. Blooms with small white flowers in the spring.



Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)

Sun Requirements: Part shade to full shade

Soil Requirements: Moist, rich soils

Natural Habitat: Woodlands

Mature Height: 4-8 inches

Wildlife Value: Attracts butterflies

Garden Use: Wild Ginger has unique heart shaped leaves, and spreads slowly by rhizomes to form an attractive ground cover for shaded areas. Also used well in a garden edge. Flowers bloom from April to June.



Bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*)

Sun Requirements: Sun, to full shade

Soil Requirements: Moist, cool and acidic (mulch with peat moss or pine needles)

Natural Habitat: Coniferous and mixed woods, thickets, cedar swamps and damp openings

Mature Height: 4-8 inches

Wildlife Value: Birds are attracted by the berries

Garden Use: Bunchberry makes an excellent groundcover in cool, damp, places. Note: it is difficult to establish and will need maintenance until mature but the beautiful flowers and berries are worth it.



Section - 1

Eastern Teaberry



Mayapple



Foamflower



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Eastern Teaberry (*Gaultheria procumbens*)

Sun Requirements: Part shade to full shade

Soil Requirements: Dry to moist acidic soils

Natural Habitat: Coniferous woods, clearings and bogs

Mature Size: 12-24 inches

Wildlife Value: Attracts birds

Garden Use: Tolerant of shade but grows and flowers best in sunny openings with light shade during the day. Perfect to use in a woodland garden, rock garden or around a foundation. Flowers bloom mid summer.



Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*)

Sun Requirements: Part shade to full shade

Soil Requirements: Moist, sandy, loam

Natural Habitat: Mixed deciduous forest, shaded fields, shaded riverbanks

Mature Size: 12-18 inches

Wildlife Value: Provides food and shelter for birds, squirrels and other small animals

Garden Use: Likes shaded areas, under hardwood trees. Do not place under coniferous trees as it will not survive.



Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*)

Sun Requirements: Full Shade

Soil Requirements: Moist rich soils

Natural Habitat: Deciduous woods and often found along stream banks

Mature Size: 6-12 inches

Wildlife Value: Attracts birds

Garden Use: This attractive wildflower, which spreads by underground stems, forms colonies and makes an excellent groundcover for shady wooded landscape sites. Flowers bloom from April to July.

