



FULL SHADE & PART-SHADE : SHRUBS



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FULL SHADE Tolerant	Native	Pollinators	Evergreen
Abelia: Dwarfs Edward Goucher Glossy		✓	
Aucuba			✓
American Beautyberry	✓	✓	
Evergreen Sumac	✓		✓
Holly (Dwf. Yaupon)	✓	✓	✓
Honeysuckle Bush (White)	✓	✓	
Hydrangeas (Garden & Endless Summer)			
Japanese Aralia			✓
Mahonia varieties			✓
Nandina (Dwf. Only)			✓
Philodendron (Split leaf, Hope, Xanadu)			✓
Ricepaper Plant			
St. John's Wort	✓	✓	
Viburnum family			depends on var.

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Abelia: Edward Goucher Glossy		✓	
Aucuba		✓	✓
Azaela (Encore Series) (Acid-loving plant)			semi
Barbados Cherry Dwarf Standard	✓	✓	✓
Boxwood: Baby Gem Green Gem Japanese Winter Gem			✓
Butterfly Bush		✓	
Camellia (Acid-loving plant)		✓	✓
Chinese Fringe Flower (Loropetalum)			
Coralberry	✓	✓	
Cotoneaster varieties			✓
Euonymous varieties		✓	✓
Gardenia (Acid-loving plant)			✓
Holly: Burford Carissa Dwf. Chinese Dwf. Yaupon Japanese Foster's Nelly R. Stevens	✓ (Dwf. Yaupon)	✓	✓
Hydrangeas: (Acid-loving plant) Garden Endless Summer			



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Japanese Yew			✓
Indian Hawthorne varieties		✓	✓
Mahonia varieties			✓
Mock Orange (Philadelphus)			
Nandina (all varieties)			✓
Philodendron: Hope Split leaf			✓
Pittosporum (compact)			✓
Ricepaper Plant			
Rose of Sharon		✓	
Sweet Olive		✓	✓
Silverberry			✓
Sumac: Evergreen	✓		✓
Viburnum varieties			Depends on var.
Wax Myrtle: Dwarf Standard	✓		✓

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Annuals	Cold Tolerance
Balsam	32°
Begonia	50°
Browalia	42°
Caladium	42°
Coleus	50°
Cyclamen	32°
Euphorbia	25° (Cold hardy varieties)
Magilla Perilla	35° - 40°
Mona Lavender	30°
New Guinea Impatiens	50°-55°
Oxalis	40°
Joseph's Coat	34°
Persian Shield	55°-60°
Polka Dot Plant	60°
Purple Velvet Plant	60°
Spider Plant	34°
Sunpatiens (sun or shade)	35°
Sweet Potato Vine	15°
Torenia	55°-60°

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FULL SHADE Perennials	Bloom Interest	Avg. Mature Size
Bear's Breeches	Late Spring-Mid Summer: Tall spikes of wine-purple with white flowers	3-4' T x 2-3' W
Cast Iron Plant (most shade tolerant plant of all)	Evergreen, dark green foliage	2' T x 2-3' W
Cedar Sage	Spring-Summer: Bright red tubular flowers	1-2' T x 2' W
Chinese Ground Orchid	Spring: Dark pink flowers	2' T x 1.5' W
Columbine: Texas Gold	**Spring-Fall: Spurred golden yellow 4" flowers	**1-3'
Coral Bells	Late Spring-Summer: Spikes of tiny flowers appear, but plant is prized for its colorful foliage	6-16' t x 12-36" W
Elephant Ears	Summer-Fall: Extra large foliage on tall upright stems	3-4' T x 2' W
Ferns: Asparagus Autumn Foxtail Holly Wood	Grown for long frond foliage, different textures on different varieties	2' T x (average) 2-3' W
Gingers	Foliage interest, and texture. Some ornamental, some edible	2-3' T x 2'-3' W
Heart Leaf Skullcap	Spring-Early Summer: Spikes of blue-purple flowers	12-18" T x 18" W
Hosta	Summer: Small inconspicuous flowers in hues of blue-white, grown for large foliage	2.5' T x 2' W
Phlox: Louisiana	Spring: Vibrant, bluish-purple, or pinkish-blue, lightly fragrant flowers	12-19" T x 8-12" W
Purple Heart	Purple foliage that intensifies in the shade	1-2' T x 4-6' W
Spiderwort	Spring-Summer: Clusters of blue/rose flowers	1-2' T x 18-30" W
Sweet Violet	Late Winter-Spring (sporadically through summer): Purple to deep blue flowers	4-12" T x 6-12" W
Tuk's Cap	Late Spring-Fall: Showy red flowers that look like tiny fez caps	4-5' T x 4-5' W



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Betony (Texas)	√	Spring-Fall: Bright red tubular flowers, heaviest in spring	1-3' T x 3' W
Caladium		Summer-Fall: Colorful foliage in dark pink, lt. pink, white, cream, green combos	1-2.5' T x 1-2' W
Calla Lily		Spring-Summer: Multiple colors of trumpet shaped flowers rising up from foliage	2-4' T x 1-2' W
Cardinal Flower	√	Early Sumer-Fall: Deep, scarlet red bloom spikes	2-4' T x 2' W
Chili Pequin	√	Summer: Tiny, flaming hot, edible peppers	3-4' T x 2' W
Columbine: *Red **Texas Gold ***Origami	√ (Red, Texas Gold)	* Spring-Summer: Red blooms w/yellow tips ** Spring-Fall: Spurred golden yellow 4" flowers *** Early Spring-Early Summer: Deep blue, lt blue, red, pink, yellow intricate blooms	*1-3' **1-3' ***1.5-2'
Coneflowers	√ (purple variety)	Summer-Fall: Huge flowers, daisy-like petals, with spike cones for centers. Purple, red, yellow, orange, white, lavender	1.5'-4' T x 1.5-2' W
Coral Bells		Late Spring-Summer: Spikes of tiny flowers appear, but plant is prized for its colorful foliage	6-16' t x 12-36" W
Coreopsis	√	Summer-Fall: Yellow hues-orange hues of daisy-like flowers	10"-20" T x 1'-2' W
Cuphea: Cigar plant		Summer-Fall: Tiny, tubular, fire-orange flowers	2-3' T x 3-4' W
Datura (Jimson Weed)	√	Summer-Fall: Long, white, funnel-shaped flowers	2-4' T x 2-4' W
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Elephant Ears		Summer-Fall: Extra large foliage on tall upright stems	3-4' T x 2' W
Firecracker Plant		Spring-Fall: Clusters of small, tubular, bright red flowers, resembling firecrackers	3-5' T x 3-5' W
Foxglove (Biennial)		Early Summer: Long spikes full of large tubular flowers. Shade of pinks, creams, white	2-5' T x 1-2' W
Fragrant Mistflower	✓	Fall: White, fragrant, clustered flowers appear in fall in time for pollinator migration	3-4' T x 3-4' W
Gingers		Foliage interest, and texture. Some ornamental, some edible	3-4' T x spreading by rhizomes
Green Daisy Bush		Early Summer-Fall: Profuse, yellow daisies cover the dark green palnt	2-3' T x 2' W
Gregg's Blue Mistflower	✓	Late Summer-Fall: Light blue, fuzzy flowers are profuse	2' T x 2' W
Ground Orchid		Spring: Dark pink flowers	2' T x 1.5' W
Leopard Plant		Fall: Short spikes of yellow, daisy-like flowers. Large dark-green leaves speckle with yellow spots	2' T x 2' W
Lily of the Nile		Summer-Fall: Long stalks of blue or white trumpet shaped flowers	2-3' T x 2-3' W
Lollipop Plant (Tropical Perennial)		Spring-Fall: True-yellow brachts look like upright candles (related to shrimp plant)	2' T x 2' W
Mexican Heather (mild winter perennial)		Spring-Fall: Profuse tiny purple flowers, very attractive to pollinators	12-18" T x 12-18" W
Mexican Petunia (Dwf.)		Spring-Fall: Purple, pink, or white petunia-shaped blooms.	1-1.5' T x 2' W mounding
Mints		N/A blooms. Aromatic, edible foliage	1.5' T x spreading
Mexican Tuberose		Summer: Fragrant, white tubular flowers	2-4' T x 1' W
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New Zealand Flax		Sword-like foliage	1-6' T x 1-3' W
Ox-Eye Daisy		Spring: White daisy flowers with yellow centers	2.5' T x 2-3' W
Oxalis		Colorful foliage, shades of green, purple, bronze dep. on variety	12" T x 12-18" W
Obedient Plant	√	Late Summer-Fall: Long spikes of funnel-shaped, brilliant pink flowers.	2-4' T x spreads by rhizomes
Pavonia Rock Rose	√	Spring-Fall: Bubblegum pink, small, hibiscus-like flowers	2-3' T x 2-3' W
Penstemon	√	Spring-Summer: Dep on variety, reds, pinks, blues, oranges, purples, and whites. Multiple tubular blooms on each stem.	1-4' T x 1-2' W
Persian Shield		Gorgeous metallic purple foliage	3-4' T x 2-3' W
Plumbago		Summer-Fall: Profuse blooms of clustered light blue flowers	4-5' T x 5-7' W
Phlox: Louisiana	√	Spring: Vibrant, bluish-purple, or pinkish-blue, lightly fragrant flowers	12-19" T x 8-12" W
Pink Wood Sorrel		Spring-Summer: Small pink flowers that look like miniature periwinkles	4-6" T x 4-6" W
Porterweed (mild winter perennia		Spring-Fall: Spikes of either blue, red, purple flowers	3-4' T x 2-3' W
Sage /Salvia (most salvias and sages)	√(Scarlet/Red)	Spring-Fall: Tons of blooms throughout the year. You can find hues of pinks, red, coral, white, purple	1-3'
Shrimp Plant		Summer-Fall: Coppery-red flower spikes with white tips, look like shrimp	2-3' T x 2' W
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Skullcap		Spring-Fall: Tiny, profuse, hot pink flowers	8-30" T x 24-30" W
Society Garlic	✓	Spring-Fall: Umbels of lavender purple flowers arise on stalks	1-2' T x 1-2' W
Spiderwort	✓	Spring-Summer: Clusters of blue/rose flowers	1-2' T x 18-30" W
Spotted Dead Nettle		Variable leaf shape, variegation, fuzziness	6-8" T x 24" W
Sweet Almond Verbena		Summer-Fall: Very fragrant, thin white spikes of flowers	8-10' T x 8-10' W
Turk's Cap	✓	Late Spring-Fall: Showy red flowers that look like tiny fez caps	4-5' T x 4-5' W
Wallflower		Spring and Fall: Vivid orange or yellow clustered flowers	10-18" T x 12-18" W
Wedelia		Late Spring-Fall: Small, daisy-like yellow flowers	8-10" T x spreading
Wine Cups	✓	Early Spring-Summer: Purple-red profuse flowers	1' T x 3' W sprawling
Yarrow: *Western Common	✓ (Western only)	*Spring-Summer: Clusters of white, or yellow flowers **array of pinks, red, white, yellow	2' T x 2-3' W
Zexmenia		Spring-Fall: Small yellow or orange daisies	12-18" T x 1-3' W

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Shade & Part Shade Groundcovers	Sun Tolerance	Avg. Mature Size	Water Usage
Ajuga	Part Shade	3-9" T x up to 24" W multiple varieties	Med
Asian Jasmine	Part Shade to Full Sun	6-12" T x spreading	Med
Aztec Grass	Part Shade	1' t x 1' W	Med
Blue Shade (Ruellia)	Part to Full Shade	6" T x spreading	Low
Frogfruit	Full or Part Shade, to Full Sun	.5-1' T x 1-4' W	Low, but tolerates moisture
Horseherb	Full or Part Shade, to Full Sun	8-10" T x spreading	Low
Ivy: *Algerian *English **Fig	*Part Shade to Full Shade **Part Shade to Full Shade or Sun	*12" T x spreading 6" T x spreading	Med
Liriope	Part to Full Shade	1.5-2' T x 18-22" W	Med
Mondo Grass	Part to Full Shade	4-8" T x 12-15" W	Med
Mountain Pea	Part Shade to Full Sun	1' T x 2-3' W	Low
Myoporum	Part Shade to Full Sun	.5' T x 5' W	Low
Pigeonberry	Full to Part Shade, or Dappled	1.5' T x 1.5' W	Med
Plumbago (Dwf)	Part Shade	9-12" T x 12-18" W	Med
Purple Heart	Full to Part Shade, or Sun	1-2' T x 4-6' W	Low
CONT....			



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Purple Wintercreeper	Full to Part Shade, or Sun	2' T x 4' W	Low
Silver Ponyfoot	Part Shade to Full Sun	.25" T x 2' W	Low
Snake Herb	Part Shade to Full Sun	.5-1.5' T x 1-2' W	Low, but tolerates moisture
Violet	Part Shade to Filtered	6" T x 6" W	Low to med
Vinca Major (Periwinkle)	Full Shade to Part Shade	8-10" T x 3-4' W	Med
Vinca Minor (Periwinkle)	Full Shade to Part Shade	4-8" T x spreading	Med
Wooly Stemodia	Part Shade to Full Sun	4-10" T x spreading	Low

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Blue Thunbergia	Part shade - full sun	4-6' shrubby vine	32°F	√ until frost
Carolina Jessamine	Part shade or full sun	20' twining	0°F	√
Honeysuckle: *Coral **Japanese	Part shade - full sun	*5' low-climbing **10-15' twining/climbing	20°F	√
Ivy: *Boston **English ***Fig	*Part shade - full sun **Full shade - part shade ***Full shade - full sun	*50' **15-20' ***20'	*0°F **-10°F ***15°F	√
Star Jasmine	Part shade - full sun	12' climbing	15°F	√
Sweet Potato Vine	Part shade - full shade	3' low spreading	15-20°F	√ until frost
Texas Clematis	Part shade - full sun (likes base in the shade and tops in the sun.)	10' climbing and twining	cold hardy, freezes, but grows back from roots	herbaceous
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Trumpet Creeper	Part shade or full sun	20-30' climbing w/tendrils	0°F	✓
Virginia Creeper	Full shade to full sun	15-20' high climbing	0°F	✓
*Vinca Major **Vinca Minor	*Part shade to full sun **Part Shade to Full Shade	*3' trailing *2' trailing	30-32°F	herbaceous perennial

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PART SHADE/ UNDERSTORY: TREES



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Evergreen Sumac	✓	4-10'	✓
Eve's Necklace	✓	10-20'	
Holly: Possumhaw Yaupon	✓	shrub - 15'	✓(Yaupon)
Japanese Maple		15-25'	
Mexican Buckeye	✓	8-15'	semi
Rusty Blackhaw	✓	10-30'	
Texas Mountain Laurel	✓	8:00	✓
Texas Persimmon	✓	8-15'	
Texas Redbud	✓	15-30'	

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