



FULL SHADE & PART SHADE : PERENNIALS



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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 Summer-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 plant	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 bracts 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 perennial)		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

Understanding Light Exposure

FULL SUN: Direct sunlight on plant all day

PARTIAL SHADE: (Also called "Dappled Shade", "Half Shade", "Medium Shade", and "Semi-Shadow") In summer when sun is most intense from 10:00 a.m. ---- 6:00 p.m. there is either: A. 4-5 hours without direct sunlight on plant -- OR -- B. a defined dappled pattern of equal sun & shade all the time under trees whose leaves let sunlight through all day in a changing pattern (dappled shade).

FULL SHADE: Shade all day. Under Full Shade conditions, plants do not receive any direct exposure to the sun. Under such growing conditions, plants receive only reflected, indirect light.

DENSE SHADE: (Also called "Deep Shade", and "Heavy Shade") No direct sunlight all day with very little reflected, indirect light.