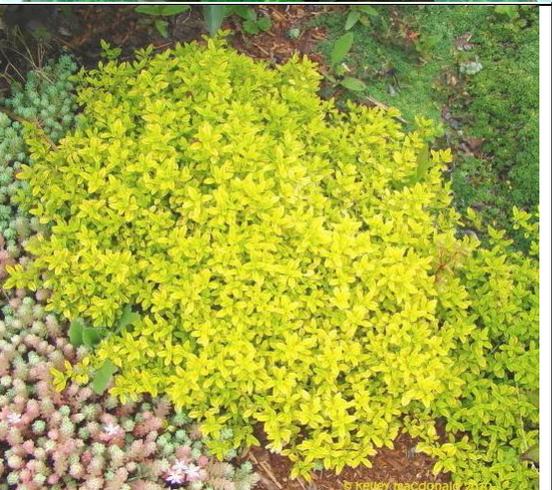


**Shade perennials
for NO DEER areas**

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| <p>Spotted Dead Nettle <i>Lamium 'Beacon Silver'</i></p>   | <p>6-8 inches tall 1-2 feet wide but can spread indefinitely</p> | <p>Semi-evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees</p> | <p>Heart-shaped, silvery-white leaves with green edges form a lush groundcover. Small, pale pink flowers starting in mid-spring.</p> |  |
| <p>'Chartreuse on the Loose' Catmint <i>Nepeta hybrid</i></p>   | <p>8-10 inches tall 20-24 inches wide</p> | <p>Semi-evergreen Hardy to minus 30 degrees</p> | <p>Bright chartreuse yellow leaves. Clusters of lavender blue flowers just above the foliage and appear all summer long. <i>For light shade areas, not for heavy shade.</i></p> |  |
| <p>Japanese Sacred Lily <i>Rohdea japonica</i></p>  | <p>6-12 inches tall 6-12 inches wide</p> <p><i>(Fire resistance unknown)</i></p> | <p>Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees</p> | <p>Tropical-looking plant with thick dark green blades. Insignificant, pale-yellow flowers in spring. Cones of bright red berries provide winter interest.</p> |  |

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| <p>'Summer Sunshine' Germander <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> 'Summer Sunshine'</p>  | <p>6-12 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>  | <p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p> | <p>Small, glossy golden-green leaves with serrated edges. Purple-rose flower spikes in summer makes nice contrast against foliage.</p> |  |
| <p>Coral Bells <i>Heuchera</i></p> | <p>8-12 inches tall 1-2 feet spread</p>  | <p>Evergreen</p> | <p>Lobed, rounded leaves can be red, purple, yellow, lime green, orangey, dark green, or variegated. Spikes of bell flowers rise above foliage in spring. Flowers can be white, pink, or red.</p> |  |
| <p>Bleeding Heart <i>Dicentra</i></p> | <p>12-18 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>  | <p>Deciduous (melts to ground for winter)</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p> | <p>Delicate, fern-like grayish-green foliage. Long-blooming bell shaped flowers starting in late spring. Blooms may be pink or white.</p> |  |
| <p>Royal Purple Lily Turf <i>Liriope muscari</i> 'Royal Purple'</p>  | <p>12-18 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>  | <p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees</p> | <p>Grass-like green blades year-round. Spikes of deep purple flowers rise above foliage in summer.</p> |  |

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| <p>Lady Lenton Rose <i>Helleborus</i></p>  | <p>12-18 inches tall 1-2 feet wide</p> | <p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p> | <p>Thick, green leaves year-round. Showy, often drooping flowers in late winter and early spring. Many flower colors including white, yellow, pink, purple, and a mix.</p> |  |
| <p>Golden Oregano <i>Origanum 'Aureum'</i></p>  | <p>12-18 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p> | <p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p> | <p>Low mound of golden yellow leaves. Leaves are aromatic which deter deer. Spikes of pink, trumpet-shaped flowers in summer.</p> |  |
| <p>Columbine <i>Aquilegia</i></p> | <p>1-2 feet tall 1-2 feet spread</p> <p><i>*can spread further by throwing seeds</i></p>  | <p>Deciduous (melts to ground for winter)</p> | <p>Airy plant with delicate, lobed leaves. Foliage is usually green and may change color for fall. Tall stalks rise above foliage in spring with unique, shooting star-shaped flowers. Flowers can be just about any color.</p> |  |
| <p>Hosta <i>Hosta</i></p>  | <p>1-2 feet tall 1-2 feet wide</p> | <p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 30 degrees</p> <p><i>Snails will eat the leaves if nearby.</i></p> | <p>Long-lived herbaceous perennial. Come in a variety of shapes, colors, sizes, and textures. Clump-like mounds of green, variegated, or blue-ish leaves. White or purple flowers above leaves in summer.</p> |  |

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| <p>Cast Iron Plant <i>Aspidistra elatior</i></p>  | <p>1-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide</p>  | <p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15-20 degrees</p> | <p>Glossy, dark green, upright leaves. Small purplish flowers under foliage are often not seen. <i>Can handle partial to full shade.</i></p> |  |
| <p>False Goat's Beard <i>Astilbe</i></p> | <p>1-3 foot tall 1-2 feet wide</p>  | <p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 30 degrees</p> | <p>Glossy, fern-like green foliage. Airy, plume-like flowers rise above leaves in summer. Flowers may be red, white, pink, or lilac.</p> |  |
| <p>Pestilence Wort <i>Petasites hybridus</i></p> <p><i>Can invade and take over a space.</i></p> | <p>2-3 feet tall 3-5 feet wide</p> <p><i>(Fire resistance unknown)</i></p> | <p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p> | <p>Giant rhubarb-like green leaves spring-fall, melts away for winter. Very unique, pinkish flower spike emerge in early spring before leaves. Flowers are loved by bees.</p> |  |

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| <p>Common Foxglove <i>Digitalis purpurea</i></p>  | <p>3-5 feet tall 1-2 feet wide</p>  | <p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p> | <p>Tall spires of tubular, rosy-purple flowers in summer. Flowers have speckled throats and rise from a rosette of oblong, deep green leaves.</p> <p><i>Toxic if ingested.</i></p> <p>Considered a biennial or short-lived perennial.</p> |  |
| <p>Autumn Fern <i>Dryopteris erythrosora</i></p> | <p>18-24 inches tall 18-24 inches wide</p> | <p>Semi-evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 30 degrees</p> | <p>Arching green fronds emerge copper-red to red-orange. Likes moist, shaded areas.</p> |  |



→ this symbol indicates plants that can survive drought once established. It typically takes 1-2 years of regular water for a new plant to be established. In general, plants look better with regular water, but drought-tolerant plants can survive times when water is not available.



→ this symbol indicates plants that are considered fire-wise, meaning that they are more resistant to wildfire due to their growth habits. Plants with this symbol were found online in lists of 'fire safe' plants.

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| Wild Ginger <i>Asarum caudatum</i> | 4-6 inches tall 1-2 feet wide | Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees | Green, heart-shaped leaves release a spicy, ginger-and-citrus fragrance when crushed. Purplish-brown flowers in early summer. |  |
| Pacific Coast Hybrid Iris <i>Iris PCH</i>  | 12-18 inches tall 2-3 feet wide  | Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees | Clumps of sword-shaped, arching green blades. Flowers in spring. Usually flowers blue-purple but can range from pale cream to reddish-purple. |  |
| Island Alum Root <i>Heuchera maxima</i>  | 1-2 feet tall 1-2 feet wide  | Evergreen Hardy to 20 degrees | Large, dark green leaves may turn reddish in winter. Cream and soft pink flower spikes above foliage in spring and summer. <i>Other CA native varieties have tiny leaves and grow smaller.</i> |  |
| Meadow Penstemon <i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>  | 18-24 inches tall 2-3 feet wide  | Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees | Deep green, narrow leaves. Spikes of tubular, violet-blue flowers begin in late spring. Very striking flowers. |  |

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| <p>Monkey Flower <i>Mimulus</i></p>  | <p>1-3 feet tall 1-2 feet wide</p>  | <p>Semi-evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 20 degrees</p> | <p>Sticky green leaves. Blooms spring -summer with showy flowers that are usually yellow or orange, but some varieties have red. <i>May flower less in heavy shade.</i></p> |  |
| <p>Western Columbine <i>Aquilegia formosa</i></p> <p>Drought-tolerant once established but goes deciduous in drought</p> | <p>1½ - 3 feet tall 1-2 feet wide</p> <p><i>*Aquilegia formosa 'Nana' is dwarf variety that only grows to about 8 inches tall and wide</i></p>  | <p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p> | <p>Delicately lobed green leaves. Graceful, nodding flowers are a very showy bright red-orange and yellow. Blooms spring through summer. <i>Somewhat short-lived, but self-seeding.</i></p> |  |
| <p>Western Sword Fern <i>Polystichum munitum</i></p> <p><i>Another favorite native fern is Giant Chain Fern which grows 4-6 feet.</i></p> | <p>2-4 feet tall 2-4 feet wide</p> | <p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees</p> | <p>Beautiful textured fern with glossy, leathery, toothed, dark green foliage. Likes moist, shaded areas.</p> |  |