

What is a Groundcover?

A groundcover is defined as any low growing dense plant. Many people think of Ajuga, Ivy, Pacasandra or Vinca. However, many other varieties exist and can make delightful impacts in the landscape.

Groundcovers can be useful in several different ways:

- Areas where grass will not grow
- Areas where you would like to substitute a lawn.
- Rocky areas
- Moist areas
- Steep slopes
- Low maintenance areas

The following is a good but not conclusive list of groundcovers.

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| • <i>Aegopodium</i> (Bishops Weed) | s/ps | • <i>Isotoma</i> (Blue Star Creeper) | s/ps |
| • <i>Ajuga</i> (Bugleweed) | s/sh | • <i>Lamiaeum</i> (Yellow Archangel) | psh/sh |
| • <i>Alchemilla</i> (Lady's Mantle) | ps | • <i>Lamium</i> (Dead Nettle) | psh/sh |
| • <i>Asarum</i> (Wild Ginger) | sh | • <i>Liriope</i> (lilyturf) | s/sp/sh |
| • <i>Ceratostigma</i> (Plumbago) | s/ps | • <i>Lysimachia</i> (Creeping Jenny) | s/ps |
| • <i>Convallaria</i> (Lily-of-the-Valley) | sh | • <i>Mazus reptans</i> (Mazus) | s/ps |
| • <i>Delosperma</i> (Ice Plant) | s | • <i>Pachysandra</i> (Japanese Spurge) | psh/sh |
| • <i>Dianthus</i> (Garden Pinks) | s/ps | • <i>Phlox stolonifera</i> (Woodland Creeping Phlox) | psh |
| • <i>Epimedium</i> (Barrenwort) | sh | • <i>Phlox subulata</i> (Creeping Phlox) | s |
| • <i>Euonymus</i> (Wintercreeper) | s/ps/sh | • <i>Sagina</i> (Scotch, Irish Moss) | s/ps |
| • <i>Euphorbia</i> (Spurge) | s/ps | • <i>Sedum</i> (Stoncrop) | s |
| • <i>Ferns</i> | sh | • <i>Stachys</i> (Lamb's Ear) | s |
| • <i>Galium</i> (Sweet Woodruff) | psh/sh | • <i>Thymus</i> (Thyme) | s |
| • <i>Fragaria</i> (Alpine Strawberry) | s | • <i>Veronica</i> (Creeping Speedwell) | s/ps |
| • <i>Geranium</i> | s/ps | • <i>Vinca minor</i> (periwinkle) | ps/sh |
| • <i>Helleborus</i> (Lenten Rose) | psh/sh | | |
| • <i>Hedera</i> (English Ivy) | s/ps/sh | | |
| • <i>Hosta</i> (Plantain Lily) | psh/sh | | |
| • <i>Hypericum</i> (St. John's Wort) | s/ps | | |
| • <i>Iberis</i> (Candytuft) | s/ps | | |





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