

GROUND COVERS FOR NEW JERSEY GARDENS

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Ground covers are plants that are under 12" in height and cover the ground. The following are some of the plants grown in New Jersey. Some that are invasive may be more restrained in difficult growing conditions. There are many references, including the internet, to provide descriptive and cultural information about these plants.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	COMMENTS
<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	bishop's weed, goutweed	invasive, white flower, variegated foliage
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	carpet bugle	shade ev, may invade lawn areas
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	lady's mantle	ps/ mod shade, green flowers
<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	bog rosemary	lt/mod shade, ev, wet site
<i>Asarum</i> spp.	wild ginger	wet shade, inconspicuous flower
<i>Asarum</i> spp.	wild ginger	any shade, aromatic, satiny leaves
<i>Aubretia deltoides</i>	false rockcress	lt. shade, flowers
<i>Bergenia cordifolia</i>	heartleaf bergenia	any shade, pink, may winterburn
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	leadwort	ps, blue
<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	golden star	sun-ps, gold
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	lily-of-the-valley	poisonous, any shade, white, fragrant
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	bunchberry	mod/dense shade, white
<i>Epimedium</i> spp.	bishop's hat, barrenwort	needs shade, yellow, pink
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	wintercreeper	scale insects, shade tolerant, ev
<i>Galax aphylla</i>	wandflower	lt. to dense shade, white flowers
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	sweet woodruff, bedstraw	shade, fragrant, white, 6"
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	wintergreen, teaberry	lt. to dense shade, ev
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English ivy	sun to shade, ev, berries poisonous
<i>Hosta</i> spp.	plantain lily, funkia	any shade, drought tolerant, deer
<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>	yellow archangel	shade, 1', yellow
<i>Lamium maculatum</i> var.	spotted dead nettle	8", ps to dense shade, pink-white
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	moneywort, creep. Charlie	per, yellow, wet to moist, shade
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	creeping mahonia	lt. shade, yellow, blue berries
<i>Mitchella repens</i>	partridgeberry	ps/dense shade
<i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>	dwarf lily turf, mondo grass	ps/dense shade, white, blue
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>	Japanese spurge	ev, white, lt. to dense shade
<i>Paxistima canbyi</i>	Canby pachistima	lt./mod shade, ev, acid, 1'
<i>Phlox stolonifera</i>	creeping phlox	lt. to mod shade, blue
<i>Pulmonaria</i> spp.	lungwort	lt. to mod shade, white, pink, blue
<i>Sedum spurium 'Dragons Blood'</i>	two-row stonecrop	sun to lt. shade, red
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	lamb's ears	sun and good air circulation, pink
<i>Vinca minor, V. major</i>	periwinkle	sun/mod shade, ev, blue/purple

ps= partial shade, ev= evergreen, lt.= light, mod= moderate