

Ground Covers for Shade

Ground covers are plants that exhibit low or horizontal growth habits, spread rapidly, protect soil from erosion, and compete with weeds.

The number of plants needed to cover an area will depend on the type of plant chosen. Once ground covers are established you will rarely need to replant, and the landscape as a whole will require much less maintenance.

Ground Covers for North Idaho Landscapes

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| Bishop's weed | <i>Aegopodium podagraria</i> |
| Carpet bugle | <i>Ajuga reptans</i> * |
| Lady's mantle | <i>Alchemilla</i> * |
| Kinnickinnik | <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> * |
| Wild ginger | <i>Asarum</i> |
| Astilbe | <i>Astilbe chinensis</i> |
| Bergenia | <i>Bergenia</i> * |
| Lily-of-the-valley | <i>Convallaria majalis</i> * |
| Bunchberry | <i>Cornus canadensis</i> |
| Bishop's cap | <i>Epimedium</i> |
| Winter creeper | <i>Euonymus fortunei</i> * |
| Ferns | Several species |
| Sweet woodruff | <i>Galium odoratum</i> * |
| Ivy | <i>Hedera</i> * |
| Dead nettle | <i>Lamium</i> |
| Creeping Oregon grape | <i>Mahonia repens</i> * |
| Japanese spurge | <i>Pachysandra terminalis</i> |
| Periwinkle | <i>Vinca</i> * |
| Sedges | <i>Carex</i> |

* Can take some sun

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