

SHADY CHARACTERS

CONIFERS & PLANTS MADE FOR SHADE

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Full, deep, dark shade: 3 hours or less of sun

- *Taxus baccata*

'Amersfoort': vase-shaped habit with rounded leaves

- *Taxus cuspidata*

'Dwarf Bright Gold': irregular upright yew with golden color

'Nana Aurescens': low flat yew with golden edges

- *Taxus x media*

'Viridis': narrow dwarf form

'Stovepipe': seedling of Hick's yew

- *Tsuga canadensis*

'Albo-spica': intermediate spreader with pure white tips

'Bennett': low spreading, graceful dwarf hemlock

'Cole': prostrate, dark green needles, exposed branches

'Everitt Golden': dwarf upright with bright golden foliage

'Gentsch White': slow-growing, globose with white tips

'Horsford Contorted': dwarf hemlock with twisted branches

'Jeddeloh': bright green spreading mound

'Jervis': extremely slow-growing upright, congested growth

'Kelsey Weeping': strongly asymmetrical form

'Pendula': graceful dark green cascade; stake to desired height

'Stewart's Gem': bun-shaped dwarf with cinnamon tips

'Stockman's Dwarf': dwarf horizontal grower

- *Tsuga caroliniana*

'Mountain Mist Sister': superb weeping hemlock, longer needles

- *Tsuga diversifolia*

Dark green foliage, known as the rice hemlock from Northern Japan. Grows wide as tall and does not burn in sun.

- *Evergreen broadleaves*

Buxus 'Green Mound'

Rhododendrons and Azaleas

Partial shade: 4–6 hours of sun

- *Picea abies*

'Acrocona': irregular weeping form with purple pink cones on branch tips in spring

'Pusch': witch's broom of Acrocona, tiny pink cones in spring

'Clanbrassiliana Stricta': superior pyramid for the landscape

'Cobra': bizarre tree with rat-tail branches; forms a skirt

'Elegans': low flat, nesting spruce with early bud break

'Hillside Upright': irregular form, dark green congested needles

'Weeping Blue': upright grower with pendulous branches

- *Pinus strobus*

'Blue Shag': soft, blue-green needles, with slow mounding habit



'Fastigiata': narrow upright form that becomes large
 'Hershey': dwarf form from witch's broom at the Hershey Estate, PA
 'Horsford': slow-growing globe, mounding habit on standard
 'Niagara Falls': dense habit with pendulous cascading branches

• ***Pseudotsuga menziesii***

'Emerald Twister': upright form with twisted branches
 'Fletcheri': blue-green, irregular upright dwarf
 'Fastigiata': narrow upright form
 'Graceful Grace': blue-green, upright dramatic weeping form

• ***Thuja occidentalis***

'Degroot's Spire': tight, dark green upright, narrow dwarf
 'Yellow Ribbon': narrow upright, tight with bright yellow color
 'Hetz Midget': dwarf dense green globe
 'Linesville': aka 'Mr. Bowling Ball': globe with juvenile foliage
 'Sunkist': bright golden tips on broad pyramid

Morning sun: area that gets cool morning sun and is shaded in afternoon from hottest sun

• ***Abies koreana***

'Aurea': spectacular golden pyramid
 'Green Carpet': prostrate form with purple cones in spring

• ***Picea glauca***

'Conica': dense conical, dwarf Alberta spruce
 'Jeans Dilly': superior dwarf form of Alberta spruce

• ***Picea orientalis***

'Connecticut Turnpike': irregular windswept habit
 'Fat Boy': dwarf pyramidal form, dark green foliage

• ***Pinus cembra***

'Glauca Nana': great blue-green with a slower growth rate
 'Pygmaea': dwarf compact form with great blue color
 'Stricta': columnar form with fastigiated branches

• ***Pinus parviflora***

'Bergman': unique Japanese white pine with twisted needles
 'Fuku-zu-mi': compact, wide spreader

Japanese Maples & deciduous trees and shrubs

• ***Acer griseum***

Paperbark maple, cinnamon exfoliating bark, red fall color

• ***Acer palmatum***

'Red Emperor': dark red foliage all summer
 'Twombly's Red Sentinel': narrow form, great color, bright red in fall

• ***Acer palmatum var. dissectum***

'Seiryu': green leaves, reddish tips in spring, crimson in fall

• ***Acer japonicum***

'Aconitifolium': green in summer, yellow-orange-red in fall

• ***Acer shirsawanum***

'Aureum': full moon maple, yellow palm-shaped leaves, orange-red in fall

• ***Aesculus parviflora***

Bottlebrush buckeye with white flowers in mid-summer

• ***Cercidiphyllum japonicum***

'Pendula': Graceful pendulous branches, dramatic specimen

• ***Fagus sylvatica***

'Purpurea Tricolor': fabulous European beech, a must-have in your garden

• ***Ginkgo biloba***

'Mariken': slow-growing compact round form of Ginkgo

• ***Hamamelis x intermedia***

'Firecracker': a witchhazel which blooms reddish-orange in early spring.

Perennials for shade

Hosta, Astilbe, bleeding heart, perennial geranium, fern, Pulmonaria, Hakonechloa grass, Heuchera.

Planting in the understory of existing trees: Roots of existing trees will compete for water, so you must remember to water frequently for more than the first year. Trying to get established in existing root masses can take longer.

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