



# Plants for Dry Shade

Dry shade is always a difficult situation to select plants that will survive. An area of dry shade can be from a situation such as planting next to a house in a rain shadow or underneath existing trees.

To aid plant establishment in dry shaded areas it is best practice to prepare the site in advance by digging in some organic matter. To aid establishment, water all plants on a regular basis for at least 2 years.

There are plenty of plants that will thrive in dry shade and in fact there are more options than you may think. Below is a list of plants that will happily tolerate dry soil that are in stock at Provender Nurseries.

BULBS/GROUND COVER (GC)	
Convallaria majalis (GC)	Lily of the Valley
Cyclamen hederifolium (GC)	Ivy-leaved Cyclamen
Galanthus nivalis (GC)	Snowdrop

CLIMBERS/WALL SHRUBS	
Clematis alpina	Alpine Clematis
Clematis viticella	Virgin's Bower
Fatshedera lizei	Tree Ivy
Hedera helix	Common Ivy
Lonicera periclymenum	Honeysuckle
Parthenocissus	Virginia Creeper
Pyracantha	Firethorn
Rosa - selected	Rose

CONIFERS	
Taxus baccata	Yew
Taxus baccata 'Standishii'	Yew 'Standishii'

FERNs	
Asplenium scolopendrium	Hart's Tongue Fern
Blechnum spicant	Hard Fern
Dryopteris filix-mas	Male Fern
Polypodium vulgare	Common Polypody
Polystichum setiferum	Soft Shield Fern

GRASSES	
Luzula nivea	Snowy Woodrush
Milium effusum	Wood Millet
Stipa arundinacea/ Anemanthele lessoniana	Pheasant Grass

HEDGING/SCREENING	
Buxus sempervirens 'Elegantissima'	Box
Elaeagnus x ebbingei	Thorny Olive/Oleaster
Lonicera nitida	Boxleaf Honeysuckle
Lonicera pileata	Privet Honeysuckle
Prunus lusitanica 'Myrtifolia'	Portuguese Laurel
Ruscus aculeatus	Butcher's Broom
Sarcococca hookeriana var. humilis	Christmas Box
Sarcococca ruscifolia	Christmas Box
Taxus baccata 'Standishii'	Yew 'Standishii'
Viburnum tinus	Laurustinus

HERBACEOUS/GROUND COVER (GC)	
Alchemilla mollis (GC)	Lady's Mantle
Anemone x hybrida	Windflower
Astrantia	Masterwort
Bergenia (GC)	Elephant's Ears
Brunnera macrophylla (GC)	Bugloss/ Great Forget-me-not
Campanula latifolia	Giant Bellflower
Darmera peltata	Indian Rhubarb
Dicentra/Lamprocapnos	Bleeding Heart
Epimedium (GC)	Bishop's Hat
Euphorbia amygdaloides robbiae	Wood Spurge
Galium odoratum (GC)	Woodruff
Geranium macrorrhizum (GC)	Cranesbill/ Herbaceous Geranium





HERBACEOUS/GROUND COVER (GC) continued	
Helleborus	Christmas Rose/ Lentern Rose
Iris foetidissima	Stinking Iris
Lamium (GC)	Dead Nettle
Liriope muscari	Lilyturf
Pulmonaria (GC)	Lungwort/ Jerusalem Cowslip
Tellima grandiflora (GC)	Fringecups
Thalictrum aquilegifolium	Meadow Rue
Viola labradorica (GC)	Dog Violet
Waldesteria ternata (GC)	Barren Strawberry

SHRUBS/GROUND COVER (GC) continued	
Fatsia japonica	Castor Oil Plant
Hypericum (GC)	St John's Wort/ Rose of Sharon
Lonicera nitida	Boxleaf Honeysuckle
Lonicera pileata	Privet Honeysuckle
Mahonia aquifolium	Oregon Grape
Osmanthus heterophyllus	Holly Olive/False Olive
Pachysandra terminalis (GC)	Japanese Spurge
Pyracantha	Firethorn
Ribes sanguineum	Flowering Currant
Ruscus aculeatus	Butcher's Broom
Sambucus nigra	Black Elder
Sarcococca hookeriana var. humilis	Christmas Box
Sarcococca ruscifolia	Christmas Box
Skimmia jap. reevesiana	Skimmia
Viburnum davidii	David Viburnum
Viburnum rhytidophyllum	Leatherleaf Viburnum
Viburnum tinus	Laurustinus
Vinca (GC)	Periwinkle

01322 662315  
[www.provendernurseries.co.uk](http://www.provendernurseries.co.uk)

Factsheet lists are collated from a variety of reputable sources and experience.  
Provender Nurseries cannot take responsibility for plants that do not take in these conditions.