



## Dry Shade Garden Ideas

### Groundcover

#### ***Ajuga reptans* Bugleweed**

Fast growing, blue or pink flowers, cultivars have many leaf variations in color

#### ***Ceratostigma plumbaginoides* Dwarf Plumbago**

Fast growing, bright blue flowers and fall color

#### ***Mahonia repens* Creeping Oregon Grape**

Native that can take deep shade, deer resistant, good under oaks

#### ***Symporicarpos x chenaultii 'Hancock'* Chenault coralberry**

Fast growing relative of the Snowberry, has rosy red fruit and pink flowers

#### ***Rubus pentalobus* Creeping Raspberry**

Evergreen "Emerald Carpet" has durable thick leaves, sun or shade

### Perennials

#### ***Aquilegia spp.* Columbine**

Natives or cultivars are surprisingly drought tolerant once established

#### ***Bletilla striata* Chinese Ground Orchid**

Pink to white blooms in spring, look like mini Cattleyas, easy to grow

#### ***Bulbine frutescens* 'Hallmark' Cape Balsam**

Long blooming orange spike flowers, evergreen fleshy leaves, very low water

#### ***Euphorbia* Spurge**

Many cultivars for gardens with diverse size, leaf color & unique flowers

#### ***Helleborus orientalis* Lenten Rose**

Long blooming winter flowers come in many colors

#### ***Heuchera* Coral Bells**

A rainbow of different leaf color, pink or white flowers are secondary

***Muhlenbergia rigens* Deer Grass**

Native grass will be smaller in shade, very low water once established

***Salvia spathacea* Hummingbird Sage**

A native sage with bold foliage and richly scented rosy flowers captivate hummers

## **Shrubs**

***Ceanothus* 'Valley Violet', 'Skylark', 'Ray Hartman' California Lilac**

Spring flowers in shades of blue, shade tolerant selections, great under oaks

***Coprosma repens* 'Fireburst' Mirror Plant**

Shiny colorful red, pink, green & cream leaves become more intense in winter

***Daphne odora* 'Aureomarginata' Winter Daphne**

Needs little root disturbance, fussy plant rewards with sublime fragrant flower

***Osmanthus fragrans* Sweet Olive**

Stronge peach scented flowers, tolerates clay soils, drought tolerant once mature

***Rhamnus californica* 'Mound San Bruno' Coffeeberry**

Compact selection of a native, attracts birds with its red and black berries

***Rosa* 'Iceburg' & 'Carefree Beauty'**

White Iceburg and Carefree Beauty pink shrub rose rebloom all season, resists diseases

***Rosa californica* California Wild Rose**

A haven for wildlife, this rose is naturally resistant to disease, spreads by runners, perfect barrier planting