



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

Symphoricarpos 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**

Strong 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