



Rice's Picks

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Ground Covers

Plants for Sunny Areas

<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	Goutweed
<i>Ajuga</i>	Ajuga
<i>Arabis</i>	Rock Cress
<i>Cerastium</i>	Snow-in-Summer
<i>Ceratostigma plumbaginoides</i>	Plumbago
<i>Cotoneaster</i>	Cotoneaster
<i>Cytisus</i>	Creeping Broom
<i>Dianthus</i>	Pinks Dianthus
<i>Festuca cinerea</i>	Blue Fescue
<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>	Rock Rose
<i>Iberis</i>	Candytuft
<i>Juniperus</i>	Junipers
<i>Liriope spicata</i>	Liriope
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Phlox
<i>Sedum</i>	Stonecrop
<i>Stachys byzantina</i>	Lamb's Ear
<i>Thymus</i>	Thyme
<i>Veronica</i>	Speedwell

Plants for Moist Soils

<i>Armeria</i>	Common Thrift
<i>Phlox diviariicata</i>	Canadian Phlox
<i>Veronica</i>	Creeping Speedwell

Plants for Dry Soils

<i>Aegopodium</i>	Goutweed
<i>Arctostaphylos</i>	Bearberry
<i>Arabis</i>	Rock Cress
<i>Cytisus</i>	Creeping Broom
<i>Hypericum</i>	St. Johns Wort
<i>Juniperus</i>	Junipers
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Creeping Phlox
<i>Sedum</i>	Stonecrop
<i>Thymus</i>	Thyme
<i>Veronica</i>	Creeping Speedwell

Ground Covers

Groundcovers typically are low-growing, spreading plants that play an important part in the landscape. Some benefits of these plants are:

- Help protect the soil from erosion
- Prevent encroachment of weeds
- Conserve moisture
- Help maintain lower soil temperatures in extreme heat

Groundcovers are often used in areas that are difficult to grow grass or other plants. Some are well suited in dense shade or in areas where mowing would be difficult.

Plants for Full Shade

<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Bugleweed
<i>Arctostaphylos</i>	Bearberry
<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Common Thrift
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-Valley
<i>Corydalis lutea</i>	Corydalis
<i>Epimedium sp.</i>	Epimedium
<i>Euonymus sp.</i>	Wintercreeper
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweet Woodruff
<i>Gaultheria sp.</i>	Wintergreen
<i>Geranium sp.</i>	Hardy Geranium
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy
<i>Hosta sp.</i>	Hosta
<i>Houttuynia cordata</i>	Chameleon Plants
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	Yellow Archangel
<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	Spotted Deadnettle
<i>Liriope spicata</i>	Creeping Lilyturf
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>	Pachysandra
<i>Phlox stolonifera</i>	Phlox
<i>Pulmonaria sp.</i>	Lungwort
<i>Tiarella cordiflora</i>	Foam Flower