

Groundcovers for Northwest Gardens

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Groundcover Name	Type of Groundcover	Plant Type	Height 5 yrs	Width 5 yrs	Exposure	Evergreen /Deciduous	Comment
<i>Acorus gramineus</i> 'Ogon'	clumper	perennial	12 "	18"	light – dapple shade	evergreen	GPP
<i>Adiantum venustum</i>	rhizomatous	fern	8"	36"	light – dapple shade	evergreen	GPP
<i>Anemone nemorosa</i>	rhizomatous	perennial	6"	24"	full sun – dapple shade	deciduous	GPP
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	spreading	shrub	8"	6 feet	full sun	evergreen	PNW native
<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	spreading	perennial	8"	36"	light – full shade	evergreen	GPP PNW native
<i>Asarum europaeum</i>	spreading	perennial	6"	24"	light – full shade	evergreen	GPP
<i>Aster ericoides</i> 'Prostrata'	spreading	perennial	6"	36"	full sun	deciduous	
<i>Bergenia</i> cultivars	clumper	perennial	15"	36"	full sun –light shade	evergreen	
<i>Blechnum chilensis</i>	rhizomatous	fern	36"	4 feet	full sun – dapple shade	evergreen	
<i>Blechnum penna-marina</i>	rhizomatous	fern	6"	24"	light – dapple shade	evergreen	GPP

Brunnera macrophyllum 'Jack Frost'	clumper	perennial	18"	24"	light – dapple shade	deciduous	GPP
Cardamine trifolia	clumper	perennial	6"	12"	light – dapple shade	evergreen	GPP
Ceanothus gloriosus	spreading	shrub	12"	6 feet	full sun	evergreen	
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	rhizomatous	perennial	12"	36"	full sun	deciduous	GPP
Cistus hybridus	clumper	shrub	4 feet	6 feet	full sun	evergreen	GPP
Coptis laciniata	rhizomatous	perennial	8"	24"	light – full shade	evergreen	
Cotoneaster dammeri	spreading	shrub	8"	8 feet	full sun –light shade	evergreen	GPP
Cotoneaster glaucophylla hort.	spreading	shrub	3 feet	7 feet	full sun –light shade	evergreen	GPP
Cotoneaster procumbens 'Queen of Carpets'	spreading	shrub	2"	4 feet	full sun	evergreen	GPP
Cyclamen coum	reseeder	bulb	4"	6"	light – full shade	deciduous	GPP
Cyclamen hederifolium	reseeder	bulb	6"	12"	light – full shade	deciduous	GPP
Cystopteris fragilis	clumper	fern	8"	8"	light – full shade	deciduous	PNW native
Epimedium 'Black Sea'*	rhizomatous	perennial	18"	36"	light –open shade	evergreen	GPP

Epimedium perralderianum*	rhizomatous	perennial	12"	36"	light –open shade	evergreen	
Epimedium pinnatum ssp. colchicum*	rhizomatous	perennial	18"	4 feet	light –open shade	evergreen	
Epimedium x perralchicum*	rhizomatous	perennial	18"	4 feet	light –open shade	evergreen	GPP
Epimedium x rubrum*	rhizomatous	perennial	18"	36"	light –open shade	evergreen	GPP
Epimedium x versicolor*	rhizomatous	perennial	18"	36"	light –open shade	evergreen	GPP
Epimedium x warleyense*	rhizomatous	perennial	15"	36"	light –open shade	evergreen	GPP
Euonymus fortunei 'Coloratus'	spreading	shrub	12"	8 feet	full sun –full shade	evergreen	
Euonymus fortunei 'Kewensis'	spreading	shrub	12"	36"	full sun –full shade	evergreen	
Euonymus fortunei 'Wolong Ghost'	spreading	shrub	8"	7 feet	full sun –full shade	evergreen	
Euonymus fortunei var. radicans	spreading	shrub	8"	7 feet	full sun –full shade	evergreen	
Euphorbia cyparissius 'Clarice Howard'	rhizomatous	perennial	8"	5 feet	full sun –light shade	deciduous	
Gaultheria shallon	suckering	shrub	36"	4 feet	full sun –full shade	evergreen	PNW native
Geranium 'Patrica'	spreading	perennial	24"	5 feet	full sun	deciduous	

Geranium macrorrhizum	rhizomatous	perennial	15"	36"	full sun –light shade	evergreen	GPP
Geranium phaeum	reseeder	perennial	15"	18"	full sun –light shade	deciduous	
Geranium x cantabrigiense	rhizomatous	perennial	8"	36"	full sun –light shade	evergreen	GPP
Grevillea juniperina 'Molonglo'	spreading	shrub	12"	5 feet	full sun	evergreen	
Grevillea x gaudichaudii	spreading	shrub	8"	6 feet	full sun	evergreen	
Gymnocarpium disjuncta	rhizomatous	fern	12"	4 feet	light – full shade	deciduous	GPP PNW native
Hakonechloa macra 'Albostriata'	clumper	grass	24"	36"	light-open shade	deciduous	GPP
Hakonechloa macra 'All Gold'	clumper	grass	15"	24"	light-open shade	deciduous	GPP
Hakonechloa macra 'Aureola'	clumper	grass	18"	36"	light-open shade	deciduous	GPP
Hebe 'Bracken Hill'	spreading	shrub	8"	36"	full sun	evergreen	
Hebe 'Leonard Cockayne'	spreading	shrub	10"	36"	full sun	evergreen	
Hebe 'Western Hills'	clumper	shrub	4 feet	4 feet	full sun	evergreen	
Hebe glaucophylla	clumper	shrub	24"	36"	full sun	evergreen	

Hebe topiaria	clumper	shrub	3 feet	4 feet	full sun	evergreen	GPP
Hydrangea anomala ssp. petiolaris	spreading	vine	24"	4 feet	full sun –full shade	deciduous	GPP
Lamium maculatum 'Nancy'	spreading	perennial	8"	36"	light – dappled shade	deciduous	
Libertia perigrina	rhizomatous	perennial	18"	36"	full sun	evergreen	
Lonicera crassifolia	spreading	shrub	2"	24"	full sun –light shade	evergreen	
Lonicera nitida 'Baggesen's Gold'	spreading	shrub	4 feet	5 feet	full sun – dappled shade	evergreen	GPP
Lonicera pileata	spreading	shrub	36"	5 feet	full sun – dappled shade	evergreen	GPP
Mahonia nervosa	rhizomatous	shrub	36"	36"	full sun – dappled shade	evergreen	GPP PNW native
Mahonia repens	rhizomatous	shrub	12"	36"	full sun –light shade	evergreen	GPP PNW native
Omphalodes cappadocica	clumper	perennial	12"	24"	light – dappled shade	deciduous	
Omphalodes verna	spreading	perennial	6"	4 feet	light – dappled shade	deciduous	GPP
Ophiopogon planiscapus 'Nigrescens'	rhizomatous	grass-like	12"	24"	full sun – dappled shade	evergreen	GPP
Oxalis oregana 'Wintergreen'	rhizomatous	perennial	6"	36"	light – full shade	evergreen	GPP PNW native

Pachyphragma macrophylla	reseeder	perennial	18"	24"	light – full shade	evergreen	
Pachysandra terminalis 'Green Sheen'	rhizomatous	perennial	6"	24"	light – full shade	evergreen	
Phlomis russeliana	rhizomatous	perennial	15"	4 feet	full sun –light shade	deciduous	
Pleioblastus sp.	rhizomatous	bamboo	5 feet	7 feet	full sun – dappled shade	evergreen	
Podocarpus lawencei 'Blue Gem'	spreading	conifer	36"	4 feet	full sun – dappled shade	evergreen	
Podocarpus nivalis	spreading	conifer	36"	4 feet	full sun – dappled shade	evergreen	GPP
Podophyllum pleianthum	rhizomatous	perennial	36"	36"	light – dappled shade	deciduous	
Polygonatum x hybridum	rhizomatous	perennial	4 feet	36"	light – full shade	deciduous	
Polystichum munitum*	clumper	fern	36"	36"	light – full shade	evergreen	GPP PNW native
Rhododendron 'Alexander' (coral)	spreading	shrub	24"	30"	full sun –light shade	evergreen	
Rhododendron Sasuki hybrid (pink)	spreading	shrub	24"	30"	full sun –light shade	evergreen	
Ribes davidii	spreading	shrub	18"	36"	full sun –light shade	evergreen	
Rubus pentalobus	spreading	shrub	8"	5 feet	full sun –light shade	evergreen	GPP

Salix nakamura yezo-alpina	spreading	shrub	18"	4 feet	full sun	deciduous	GPP
Saxifraga 'Primuloides'	spreading	perennial	2"	12"	light – full shade	evergreen	GPP
Saxifraga stolonifera 'Maroon Beauty'	spreading	perennial	4"	24"	light – dappled shade	evergreen	
Saxifraga veitchiana	spreading	perennial	4"	18"	light – dappled shade	evergreen	
Saxifraga x polita 'Dentata'	spreading	perennial	6"	18"	light – full shade	evergreen	
Saxifraga x urbium 'Aureopunctata'	spreading	perennial	6"	18"	light – dappled shade	evergreen	
Smilacina stellata*	rhizomatous	perennial	15"	36"	light – full shade	deciduous	PNW native
Stephanandra incisa	spreading	shrub	36"	5 feet	full sun – full shade	deciduous	
Symphoricarpus albus	suckering	shrub	5 feet	5 feet	full sun – dappled shade	deciduous	PNW native
Taxus cuspidata 'Monloo' Emerald Spreader™	spreading	conifer	24"	4 feet	full sun –full shade	evergreen	
Tiarella cordifolia	spreading	perennial	8"	3 feet	light – full shade	deciduous	
Tolmiea menziesii*	spreading	perennial	12"	18"	light – full shade	evergreen	PNW native
Trachystemon orientalis*	rhizomatous	perennial	18"	4 feet	light – full shade	deciduous	

Vancouveria hexandra*	rhizomatous	perennial	15"	36"	light – full shade	deciduous	GPP PNW native
Vancouveria planipetala	rhizomatous	perennial	6"	18"	light – full shade	evergreen	PNW native
Viburnum opulus 'Nanum'	clumper	shrub	36"	36"	full sun – dappled shade	deciduous	
Waldsteinia ternata	spreading	perennial	4"	36"	full sun – dappled shade	evergreen	GPP
Xanthorhiza simplicissima	suckering	shrub	36"	24"	full sun – dappled shade	deciduous	
Zauschneria californica 'Mattole Select'	rhizomatous	perennial	6"	24"	full sun	deciduous	GPP PNW native