



Pitkin Lily  
*Lilium pardalinum*  
ssp. *pitkinense*

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## PLANTING IN SHADE

Shade gardening is one of the more challenging situations for the home gardener. What causes the shade is the first thing to notice — this often dictates the density of the light. Trees allow a fair amount of light to filter through (depending on the type of tree of course), houses allow less, and overhanging porches on the north sides of buildings are the darkest.

When choosing shade plants it is important to consider form, foliage, and texture. Many of the plants that like shade don't have showy flowers but make up for it with unusual structure or foliage color. A variegated leaf can catch the eye as quickly as a blossom. And the contrast of different shades of green, a mixture of spiky leaves, and soft ferns can be quite soothing.

[\* denotes tolerant of heavy shade]

### Perennials

Aquilegia formosa (Columbine)  
Boykinia (Brook Foam)  
\*Disporum (Fairy Bells)  
\*Epipactis gigantea (Stream Orchid)  
Erigeron glaucus (Seaside Daisy)  
Erythronium (Fawn Lily)  
Heuchera (Alumroot)  
Iris PCH (Pacific Coast Hybrids)  
\*Lilium pardalinum (Tiger Lily)  
\*Lilium parvum (Alpine Lily)  
Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower)  
Penstemon heterophyllus  
Potentilla gracilis (Cinquefoil)  
Sanguisorba (Great Burnet)  
Sidalcea malvaeflora (Checkerbloom)  
Sisyrinchium bellum (Blue eyed Grass)  
\*Sisyrinchium californicum (Yellow eyed Grass)  
\*Thalictrum occidentale (Meadow Rue)  
\*Tolmiea menziesii (Piggy-Back Plant)

### Grasses

Calamagrostis nutkaensis  
\*Carex tumulicola (Berkeley Sedge)  
Festuca californica (California Fescue)  
Festuca rubra (Red Fescue)  
\*Hierochloa (Vanilla Grass)  
\*Juncus effusus (Soft Rush)  
Juncus patens  
Melica torreyana  
Scirpus californica (Tule Grass)

### Ferns

Polypodium californicum  
\*Polystichum munitum (Sword Fern)  
\*Woodwardia (Giant Chain Fern)

### Vines

Calystegia (Morning Glory)  
Lonicera hispidula (Honeysuckle)  
Vitis californica (California Grape)

### Groundcovers

Anemopsis (Yerba Mansa)  
\*Asarum (Wild Ginger)  
Fragaria californica (Woodland Strawberry)  
Gaultheria shallon (Salal)  
\*Oxalis oregana (Redwood Sorrel)  
Salvia mellifera (Black Sage)  
Sedum spatulifolium

### Trees and Shrubs

Acer macrophyllum (Big Leaf Maple)  
Arctostaphylos (Manzanita)  
\*Calycanthus (Spice Bush)  
Cornus (Red Twig Dogwood)  
Frangula californica (Coffeeberry)  
Garrya elliptica (Silk-tassel)  
Lyonothamnus (Fernleaf Catalina Ironwood)  
Mahonia (Oregon Grape)  
Philadelphus lewisii (Mock Orange)  
Physocarpus capitatus (Nine Bark)  
Pinus contorta (Shore Pine)  
Ribes sanguineum (Pink Flowering Currant)  
Rosa californica  
\*Rosa gymnocarpa  
Rosa woodsii  
\*Rubus parviflorus (Thimbleberry)  
Sambucus racemosa (Red Elderberry)  
Sequoia (Coastal Redwood)  
\*Vaccinium ovatum (Huckleberry)

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