











MOST POPULAR SHADE PERENNIALS FOR THE SOUTH

Plant Name & Bloom Time	Description	Light Description	Spacing	Height	Companion Plants
 Hosta Summer	Perfect for the shaded garden! An outstanding foliage plant, excellent as an edging or specimen in perennial gardens or mixed plantings or as a small-scale ground cover. Attractive with ferns and astilbe. White or lavender lilylike flowers.	4 hours or less of sun	12-48" apart	12-48" tall	Astilbe, Heuchera, Lamium
 Liriope Summer	Lush foliage and beautiful flowers are lovely at garden or woodland edges, in rock gardens or even indoors as a houseplant. An outstanding ground cover, it will even perform in dry shade. Cut back in early spring to promote new growth.	4-6 hours of sun	24-36" apart	24-36" tall	Ajuga, Sagina, Hypericum
 Aquilegia Spring-Summer	Profuse flowers are a favorite of hummingbirds and make a striking addition to the cutting, flower, or rock garden. Attractive planted with ferns, hosta, pulmonaria, or at the base of larger perennials such as baptisia or delphinium. Prefers moist, well-drained soil.	4-6 hours of sun	18" apart	12-36" tall	Echinacea, Heuchera, Liatris
 Trachelospermum Summer	A woody, evergreen climbing vine that produces very fragrant, tubular creamy white flowers that age to yellow. Handsome, dark green foliage. Makes an excellent house plant.	4-6 hours of sun	3-5' apart	18-20' tall	Pennisetum, Liriope, Veronica
 Vinca Spring- Fall	Lovely flowers complement glossy leaves. A reliable and attractive ground cover for difficult situations such as dry shade under trees and for erosion control on banks or slopes. Best performance when shaded from hot afternoon sun.	4-6 hours of sun	6-15" apart	6-14" tall	Pennisetum, Veronica, Lavandula
 Heuchera Spring-Summer	Hummingbirds are drawn to the dainty flowers offset by bold, richly colored foliage. Gorgeous next to lady's mantle, delicate woodland ferns, or wide silvery-blue hosta leaves. The strong, straight stems are ideal in cut flower arrangements. Mulch lightly in winter to protect shallow roots. Prefers average, moist well-drained soil.	4-6 hours of sun	12-18" apart	10-18" tall	Astilbe, Phlox, Hosta
 Ferns N/A	Ferns are a wonderful addition to the shade garden, with a variety of unique textures, from soft and deeply cut to bold and lance-shaped. Available in sizes perfect for low edgings, taller backgrounds or filler. Combine with hosta, astilbe, and jacob's ladder for a nice blend of texture and color. Prefers moist, acidic, humus-rich soils.	4 hours or less of sun	Varies	Varies	Hosta, Astilbe, Polemonium
 Digitalis Spring-Summer	Butterflies love the bright clusters of fragrant blooms that cover this shrublike plant. Striking as a ground cover, low hedge, topiary or in mixed containers.	4-6 hours of sun	18-24" apart	24-48" tall	Echinacea, Lilium, Salvia
 Ajuga Spring	Fragrant flowers add a tropical appearance to the garden. A striking cut flower and beautiful addition to the shaded garden or containers.	4-6 hours of sun	12-15" apart	6-10" tall	Astilbe, Dicentra, Hosta
 Lysimachia Spring-Summer	Vibrant flowers complement bright green or yellow foliage. A vigorously spreading ground cover for moist woodland soil, at water's edge, on banks, or cascading over walls. Ideal for areas where its spreading nature will be an asset. Good in containers.	4-6 hours of sun	12" apart	2" tall	Leucanthemum, Penstemon, Veronica

SOUTHERN STATES

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FLOWER BED TIPS

- Do a soil test
- Add organic matter/compost
- Match plant needs to garden spot
- Mulch after planting

