

Colorful Cool-Season Plants for Shady Areas

Cool-season plants provide some warmth to the landscape as temperatures drop. These shade-loving plants prefer the cooler temperatures from fall to spring and offer a range of flower and foliage colors to get you through winter's gray skies. For the annuals listed below, make sure to enjoy them during the winter season as they will quickly fade with the rising temperatures of late spring and early summer.



Aucuba: *Aucuba japonica*

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: 7-10

EXPOSURE: Shade

SOIL: Well-drained



Camellia: *Camellia* spp.

Pollinator attractor

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: 7-10

EXPOSURE: Shade to partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Columbine: *Aquilegia* spp.

MAINTENANCE: Low

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Shade to partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Delphinium: *Delphinium* hybrid

MAINTENANCE: Medium

FORM: Round

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Shade to partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained



Foxglove: *Digitalis purpurea*

Plant parts are poisonous.

MAINTENANCE: Medium

FORM: Upright

ZONES: Annual

EXPOSURE: Shade to partial sun

SOIL: Well-drained

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