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A selection of our top plants for troublesome areas

Dry Shade

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Name	Habit		Foliage	Flower Colour	Flower Time
Perennials & Grasses					
Acanthus mollis	Upright clump	SEMI	Glossy green	Purple bracts	Summer
Alchemilla mollis	Mounding	EV	Silvery green	Lime green	Summer
Bergenia Autumn Magic	Mounding	EV	Glossy green	Bright Pink	Autumn
Geranium Ingwersens Var.	Dense creeping	SEMI	Fragrant, green	Mid-pink, floriferous	Summer
Geranium phaeum Samobor	Clump forming		Green, purple blotches	Dark purple	Summer
Geranium Spessart	Dense creeping	SEMI	Fragrant, green	Pale pink, floriferous	Summer
Lamium	Dense creeping	EV	Colourful silver/gold	White-pink	Summer
Liriope muscari	Clump forming	EV	Grassy mid-green	Lilac spikes & berries	Summer
Luzula syl. Marginata	Mounding	EV	Green	Green	Summer
Pachysandra terminalis	Dense creeping	EV	Carpet glossy green	Cream small spikes	Spring
Symphytum Wisley Blue	Dense creeping	SEMI	Green	Pale blue	Spring
Shrubs					
Aucuba Crotonifolia	Rounded bush	EV	Golden flecked glossy		
Buxus varieties	Dense bushy	EV	Small glossy green. 'Box'	White	Summer
Eleagnus varieties	Bushy	EV	Silvery, golden splash	White	Summer
Euonymus	Dense bushy	EV	Variiegated rounded	Small white	Summer
Fatsia japonica	Rounded bush	EV	Palm like glossy	Large white spikes	Summer
Hypericum Hidcote	Rounded bush	SEMI	Oval deep green	Bright yellow	Summer
Ligustrum oval. Aureum	Upright bushy	SEMI	Golden variegated	Small white	Summer
Ferns					
Cyrtomium fortunei	Upright fronds	EV	Large papery green		
Dryopteris filix mas	Upright fronds	SEMI	Pinnate fine green		
Polypodium vulgare	Dense fronds	EV	Papery dark green		



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Name	Habit		Foliage	Flower Colour	Flower Time
Perennials					
Achillea varieties	Spreading clump		Green-grey fine	Red, Orange, yellow	Summer
Crocus varieties	Clump forming		Strappy green	Red, Orange, yellow	Summer
Dianthus varieties	Clump forming	EV	Silvery mounds	Pink, Red, White	Summer
Echinops varieties	Clump forming		Silvery green	Blue Globe thistle-like	Summer
Eryngium varieties	Clump forming		Leathery green	White/Blue thistles	Summer
Erysimum - Wallflower	Rounded bushy	EV	Silver or green, dense	Mauve, Orange, yellow	Summer
Euphorbia varieties	Bushy	EV	Green - purple	Lime Green	Spring-Summer
Geranium varieties	Clump/creeping		Dense green	Pink, purple, white	Summer
Nepeta varieties	Clump forming		Silver-green. Fragrant	Lilac-blue spikes	Summer
Oreganum Hopleys	Spreading clump		Fragrant green	Deep pink	Summer
Osteospermum varieties	Dense creeping	EV	Glossy green oval	Pink or purple Floriferous	Summer
Penstemon varieties	Bushy	EV	Green	Various	Summer
Salvia varieties	Clump forming		Deep green	Pink or purple Floriferous	Summer
Sedum varieties	Clump forming		Green / variegated	Pink, Red	Late Summer
Sisyrinchium	Clump forming		Low green spikes	Yellow	Summer
Stachys Silver Carpet	Dense creeping	EV	Silver, furry	Mauve	Summer
Thymus varieties	Low creeping	EV	Gold, green, or silver	Pink- lilac, small spike	Summer
Verbascum	Clump forming		Green	White, tall spikes	Summer
Shrubs					
Caryopteris varieties	Rounded bushy		Green, silver, variegated	Pale blue	Summer
Cistus varieties	Bushy shrub	EV	Silver or green oval	Silky petals pink or white	Summer
Eleagnus pun. Maculata	Bushy shrub	EV	Golden splashed	Cream & fragrant	Summer
Lavender varieties	Small bushy	EV	Silver-grey fragrant	Lilac-blue scented	Summer
Perovskia Blue Spire	Upright bushy		Silvery grey pointed	Mid blue spikes	Late summer
Rosmarinus Jessops Upright	Upright bushy	EV	Narrow green-silver	Pale Blue	Summer
Santolina chaemacyparis	Rounded bushy	EV	Silver fine	Yellow	Summer
Grasses					
Elymus magellenicas	Clumps	Semi	Steely blue strap-like	Oat like seed heads	Summer
Festuca 'Elijah Blue'	Small clumps	Semi	Silver-blue fine foliage	Fine turning straw coloured	Summer
Leymus arenarius	Arching clump	Semi	Steel-blue broad	Tall upright straw coloured	Summer
Stipa arundinacea	Arching clump	Semi	Coppery colouring	Feathery fine	Summer
Stipa gigantea	Tall clump forming	EV	Fine dense green	Oat like seed heads	Summer



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Name	Habit		Foliage	Flower Colour	Flower Time
Perennials & Grasses					
Aconitum varieties	Clump forming		Green	Blue/White	Spring-summer
Ajuga varieties	Dense creeping	EV	Purple or variegated	Deep purple	Spring
Alchemilla mollis	Clump forming	EV	Silvery green	Lime green	Summer
Aquilegia varieties	Clump forming		Green/Golden	Various	
Astilbe varieties	Clump forming		Fern-like green leaves	Red, pink or white spikes	Spring-summer
Astrantia varieties	Clump forming		Green	Red, Pink, White	Summer
Bergenia varieties	Dense clump	EV	Large rounded green/red	Pink or white spikes	Spring/autumn
Carex pendula	Arching clump	EV	Broad strap like green	Slender stems, brown heads	Summer
Digitalis perennial varieties	Clump forming	EV	Glossy green	Yellow, brown, cream	Spring-summer
Digitalis Summer King	Clump forming	EV	Puckered green	Pink freckled	Spring-summer
Eupatorium varieties	Upright bushy		Large leaves, dense	Purple-pink. Large heads	Late summer
Geranium varieties	Clump forming		Green various	Various	Summer
Helenium varieties	Clump forming		Deep green	Rusty, yellow, red, dark cone	Summer
Hosta varieties	Clump forming		Blue-green or golden	Lilac or white spikes	Summer
Ligularia varieties	Clump forming		Green round	Yellow daisies	Summer
Lythrum Rosy Gem	Upright clump		Narrow green up stem	Bright or pale pink spikes	Summer
Primula varieties	Clump forming		Colourful early colour	Pink/red/autumnal shades	Spring-summer
Sedum varieties	Clump forming		Green / variegated	Red, Pink,	Summer
Rodgersia varieties	Clump forming		Large palmate leaves	White flower spikes	Summer
Shrubs					
Aucuba Crotonifolia	Rounded bush	EV	Golden flecked glossy		
Berberis varieties	Bushy		Various	Orange	Spring-summer
Cornus varieties	Rounded bush		Green or variegated	Colourful stems, white flowers	Spring-summer
Cotoneaster varieties	Various		Green	White	Summer
Euonymous varieties	Bushy	EV	Green & variegated	White	Summer
Hydrangea varieties	Rounded bush		Various	White, blue, pink	Summer
Prunus lusitanica	Dense bush	EV	Glossy dark green	White flowers	Summer
Pyracantha varieties	Rounded bush	EV	Deep green. Spiny stems	Red/orange/yellow berries in Autumn	
Spirea varieties	Arching bush		Deep green	White clusters	Spring-Summer
Viburnum varieties	Various		Dark green	White -pale pink	Winter
Weigela varieties	Rounded bush		Green, purple or golden	Red, pink, white	Summer
Trees					
Amelanchier Ballerina	Bushy		Green & red in autumn	White	Spring-Summer
Betula Jacquemontii	Various forms		Green & Gold in autumn	White bark	
Eucalyptus gunnii	Various forms	EV	Silver - grey		
Malus Crab Apples	Various		Various	White, Pink & Fruit	Summer
Pyrus Silver Sail	Upright		Silvery	White	Summer
Sorbus varieties	Upright		Green & red in autumn	White & berries	Summer
Climbers & Wall Shrubs					
Cotoneaster varieties	Various		Green	White	Summer
Lonicera varieties	Dense climber		Green	Yellow/pink	Summer
Pyracantha varieties	Dense climber		Green, thorny	White & berries	Summer



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Perennial					
Anemone hybrids	Upright clump		Deep green	White or pink. Floriferous	Late summer
Angelica varieties	Clump forming		Large divided leaves	Bronze-purple	Summer
Astilbe varieties	Clump forming		Fern-like green leaves	Red, pink or white spikes	Spring-summer
Astrantia varieties	Clump forming		Green divided leaves	Pincushion like, white to red	Summer
Bergenia varieties	Dense clump	EV	Large rounded green/red	Pink or white spikes	Spring/autumn
Digitalis perennial varieties	Clump forming	EV	Glossy green	Yellow, brown, cream	Spring-summer
Eupatorium varieties	Upright bushy		Large leaves, dense	Purple-pink. Large heads	Late summer
Hosta varieties	Clump forming		Blue-green or golden	Lilac or white spikes	Summer
Houttuynia varieties	Dense creeping		Foliage	White	Summer
Ligularia varieties	Clump forming		Large green or purple	Yellow spikes or daisies	Summer
Lysamachia varieties	Clump forming		Green narrow strappy	Purple, white, yellow	Summer
Lythrum Rosy Gem	Upright clump		Narrow green up stem	Bright or pale pink spikes	Summer
Primula varieties	Clump forming		Colourful early colour	Pink/red/autumnal shades	Spring-summer
Rheum tanguticum	Clump forming		Huge palmate red tinged	Cream-pink large spikes	Summer
Rodgersia varieties	Clump forming		Large palmate leaves	White flower spikes	Summer
Shrubs					
Cornus varieties	Upright bushy		Green or variegated	White. Colourful stems	Summer
Hydrangea varieties	Rounded bush		Green	White, Blue, Pink	Summer
Weigela varieties	Upright bushy		Green & variegated	Red, Pink	Summer
Grasses & Bamboo					
Carex pendula	Arching clump	EV	Broad strap like green	Slender stems, brown heads	Summer
All of our bamboos are suitable. See catalogue listings for varieties.					
Ferns					
Asplenium scolopendrium		EV	Wide strap fronds		
Athyrium filix femina			Lance shaped feathery fronds		
Athyrium nip. 'Pictum' (Metallicum)			Metallic colouring		
Cyrtomium fortunei		EV	Green papery fronds		
Dryopteris affinis		EV	Green dense		
Dryopteris erythrosora		EV	Coppery young fronds		
Dryopteris filix mas		Semi	Fine green fronds		
Osmunda regalis			Green papery fronds		
Polypodium vulgare		EV	Green papery fronds		
Polystichum setiferum		EV	Fine green fronds		



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Ground Cover

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Perennials & Grasses					
Achillea varieties	Dense creeping		Fine silvery or green	Red, pink, yellow, or orange	Summer
Ajuga varieties	Dense creeping	EV	Purple or variegated	Deep purple	Spring
Alchemilla mollis	Mounding	EV	Silvery green	Lime green	Summer
Bergenia Autumn Joy	Mounding	EV	Glossy green	Bright Pink	Autumn
Bergenia Bressingham White	Mounding	EV	Glossy green	White	Spring
Brunnera macrophylla	Clump forming		Green rounded	Blue	Spring
Campanula Alpine varieties	Clump forming		Small leaves	Blue or White	Summer
Euphorbia robbiae	Bushy creeping	EV	Dense deep green	Lime green	Spring
Geranium Ingwersens Var.	Dense creeping	SEMI	Fragrant, green	Mid-pink, floriferous	Summer
Geranium Spessart	Dense creeping	SEMI	Fragrant, green	Pale pink, floriferous	Summer
Heuchera varieties	Clump forming	EV	Purple, green, showy	White or red spikes	Summer
Lamium varieties	Dense creeping	EV	Colourful silver/gold	White-pink	Summer
Liriope muscari	Clump forming	EV	Grassy mid-green	Lilac spikes & berries	Summer
Luzula syl. Marginata	Mounding	EV	Green	Green	Summer
Nepeta varieties	Clump forming		Silver-green. Fragrant	Lilac-blue spikes	Summer
Osteospermum varieties	Dense creeping	EV	Glossy green oval	Pink or purple Floriferous	Summer
Pachysandra terminalis	Dense creeping	EV	Carpet glossy green	Cream small spikes	Spring
Phlomis russeliana	Dense clumps	EV	Heart shaped green	Hooded pale yellow on stems	Summer
Phlox Chatahooche	Dense creeping	EV	Narrow green	Blue, fragrant	Spring-Summer
Prunella grandiflora	Dense creeping	SEMI	Matt of dark green	Pink or white small spikes	Summer
Sedum varieties	Clump forming		Fleshy green or purple	Red, pink	Summer-Autumn
Stachys Silver Carpet	Dense creeping	EV	Silver, furry	Mauve	Summer
Symphytum varieties	Dense creeping	SEMI	Green/gold	Pale blue, pink, white	Spring
Thymus varieties	Dense creeping	EV	Green, silver, gold	Pink, Purple	Summer
Viola cornuta varieties	Bushy creeping		Green compact	White or purple.	Spring-Summer
Shrubs					
Cotoneaster Oakwood	Dense creeping	EV	Small green	White & red berried	Summer
Euonymous varieties	Dense bushy	EV	Green & variegated	White insignificant	
Fragaria Pink Panda	Dense creeping		Ornamental Strawberry	Bright Pink	Summer



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Exposed Site

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Name	Habit		Foliage	Flower Colour	Flower Time
Perennials & Grasses					
Achillea varieties	Upright clump		Green - grey	Red, Orange yellow	Summer
Bergenia Autumn Magic	Mounding	EV	Glossy green	Bright Pink	Autumn
Crocosmia varieties	Upright clump		Strappy green	Red. Orange, Yellow	Summer
Echinacea varieties	Upright clump		Green	Pink, purple, white	Summer-Autumn
Elymus arenarius	Dense creeping	EV	Silver blue strappy	Oat like seed heads	Summer
Elymus magellanicas	Dense mound	EV	Steely blue strappy		
Eryngium varieties	Upright clump	EV	Glossy green	Blue-Silver thistle	Summer
Euphorbia varieties	Bushy clump	Ev	Green - Purple	Lime Green	Spring-Summer
Festuca Elijah Blue	Mounded clump	EV	Silvery blue		
Osteospermum compactum	Dense creeping	EV	Green	Pale pink daisies	Summer
Sedum varieties	Mounded clump		Green & variegated	Red, pink	Summer-Autumn
Stachys Silver Carpet	Dense creeping	EV	Silver furry	Mauve	Summer
Shrubs					
Cistus varieties	Bushy shrub	EV	Silver or green	Silky petals pink or white	Summer
Elaeagnus varieties	Spreading bush	EV	Golden splashed	White, fragrant	Autumn
Escallonia varieties	Bush shrub	EV	Glossy dark green	Pink or red. Floriferous	Summer-Autumn
Eucalyptus gunnii	Various forms	EV	Silver grey		
Euonymous varieties	Dense bush	EV	green or variegated		
Griselinia variegata	Upright bushy	EV	Cream variegated		
Ilex aquifolium	Bushy	EV	Blue-green	White, red berries	Summer
Ilex varieties	Bushy shrub	EV	Green or variegated	White. Red berries	Summer
Lavandula varieties	Bushy	EV	Silvery green	Lilac, Purple	Summer
Lavatera varieties	Arching bush		Grey-green leaves	Red-pink cup shaped	Summer
Phormium varieties	Upright clump	EV	Strappy colourful	Unusual spikes	Summer
Prunus Rotundifolia	Rounded bush	EV	Glossy large green	White	Summer
Pyracantha varieties	Upright bushy	EV	Glossy green	White & berries	Summer
Rosmarinus Jessops Upright	Upright bushy	EV	Narrow green-silver	Pale Blue	Summer
Viburnum tinus	Rounded bush	EV	Green	White & berries	Autumn
Conifers					
Thuja atrovirens	Upright Conifer	EV	Bright green		



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Architectural - foliage, flowers & seed heads

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Perennials					
Acanthus mollis	Upright clump	SEMI	Glossy green	Purple bracts	Summer
Achillea varieties	Upright clump		Green-grey. Wide, flat, seed heads.	Red, Orange	Summer
Angelica varieties	Clump forming		Large divided leaves	White/bronze/purple	Summer
Anthriscus Ravenswing	Clump forming		Fermy deep purple	White delicate heads	Spring
Astrantia varieties	Clump forming		Green divided leaves	Pincushion like, white to red	Summer
Bergenia varieties	Dense clump	EV	Glossy green/red	Pink or white spikes	Spring/autumn
Cephalaria gigantea	Upright clump		Green. Tall stems	Pale yellow	Summer
Crocsmia varieties	Upright clump		Green strappy	Red, Orange, Yellow	Summer-Autumn
Eryngium varieties	Upright clump	EV	Glossy green	Blue-Silver thistle	Summer
Eupatorium purpureum	Upright clump		Green. Tall stems	Purple large heads	Summer-Autumn
Euphorbia varieties	Bushy	EV	Green or blue-green	Lime coloured bracts	Spring-Summer
Ligularia varieties	Clump forming		Large green or purple	Yellow spikes or daisies	Summer
Monarda varieties	Upright clump		Green. Tall stems	Red, Pink. Intersting flowers & seedhead	
Phlomis russeliana	Clump forming		Green furry	Yellow, seed heads	Summer-Autumn
Rheum tanguticum	Clump forming		Huge palmate red tinged	Cream-pink large spikes	Summer
Rodgersia pin. Superba	Clump forming		Large coarse gree	Bright pin	Summer
Sedum varieties	Clump forming		Green & variegated	Red, Pink	Summer-Autumn
Verbena bonariensis	Upright clump		Green. Tall stems	Violet - purple	Summer-Autumn
Shrubs & Bamboo					
Fatsia japonica	Rounded bush	EV	Palm like glossy	Large white spikes	Summer
Cornus varieties	Bushy shrub		Green & variegated. Colourful stems & autumn foliage		
Phyllostachys nigra	Upright clump	EV	Green. Glossy black stems		
Phyllostachys bisseti	Upright clump	EV	Green. Glossy green stems, bushy		
Phyllostachys spectabilis	Upright clump	EV	Green. Yellow stems , bushy		
Phyllostachys vivax aureo.	Upright clump	EV	Green. Yellow stems, yellow sulcis, thick stems		
Phyllostachys aureo. aureo.	Upright clump	EV	Green. Yellow stems & green stripes		
Phyllostachys inversa	Upright clump	EV	Green. Green stems & yellow stripe in sulcis		
Fargesia robusta	Clump foring	EV	Green. Green stems. Bushy form.		
Grasses & Phormiums					
Carex pendula	Arching clump	EV	Broad strap like green	Slender stems, brown heads	Summer
Carex Frosted Curls	Mounded clump	EV	Silvery green		
Carex morr. Pinkie	Mounded clump	EV	Coppery		
Carex test. Prairie Fire	Mounded clump	EV	Green bronze tinged		
Cordylina australis	Grassy palm	Ev	Broad strappy green	White when mature	Summer
Elymus arenarius	Arching clump	EV	Steel-blue broad	Tall upright straw coloured	Summer
Elymus magallenicus	Upright clumps	EV	Steely blue strappy		
Festuca 'Elijah Blue'	Small clumps	EV	Silver-blue fine foliage	Fine, turning straw coloured	Summer
Ophiopogon nigrescens	Dense clumps	EV	Black strappy foliage	Lilac & black berries	Summer
Phormium varieties	Grassy	EV	Broad strappy foliage	Green, purple & multi	
Stipa arundinacea	Upright clumps	EV	Green orange tinged		
Stipa gigantea	Tall clump	EV	Fine dense green	Oat like seed heads	Summer
Stipa tenuissima	Small clumps		Pale green to buff	Feathery fine	Summer



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Small Trees

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Name	Habit		Foliage	Flower colour	Flower Time
Amelanchier varieties	Bushy tree		Bronze when young	White fine flowers	Spring
Betula jacquemontii	Upright		Green turning golden	Catkins	Spring
Crataegus Pauls Scarlet	Upright rounded		Green turning golden	Bright pink clusters	Spring
Malus Golden Hornet	Upright column		Green turning golden	White. Golden crabapples in Autumn	
Malus John Downie	Upright broad		Green turning golden	White. Red flushed crabapples	
Malus Profusion	Upright, rounded		Bronze-purple	Pink. Purple crabapples in autumn	
Prunus Kanzan	Upright broad		Bronzed when young	Double pink. Floriferous	Spring
Pyrus 'Silver Sail'	Upright broad		Silver narrow leaves	Small white	Spring
Sorbus Joseph Rock	Upright column		Green pinnate	White. Yellow berries in Autumn	
Sorbus cashmiriana	Bushy broad		Dark green pinnate	White. White-pink berries in Autumn	

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Fragrant plants

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Perennials					
Achillea varieties	Upright Clump		Foliage	Red, Orange, Yellow	Summer
Cosmos Chocomocca	Clump Forming		Chocolatey flowers	Burgundy	Summer
Dianthus varieties	Mounded clump	EV	Flowers	Red, Pink White	Summer
Geranium varieties	Mounded clump		Foliage	Various	Summer
Houttuynia varieties	Dense creeping		Foliage	White	Summer
Lavandula varieties	Upright Clump	EV	Flowers & Foliage	Lilac, Purple	Summer
Mentha varieties	Various		Foliage	Lilac	Summer
Nepeta varieties	Clump Forming		Foliage	Blue, Pink, Lilac	Summer
Oreganum Hopleys	Mounded clump		Foliage	Bright pink	Summer
Salvia varieties	Clump Forming		Foliage	Blue, Pink	Summer
Thymus varieties	Dense creeping	EV	Foliage	Pink, Lilac	Summer
Shrubs					
Choisya ternata	Rounded bush	EV	Flowers & Foliage	White	Summer
Eleagnus pun. Maculata	Rounded bush	EV	Flowers & Foliage	Cream	Summer
Hypericum Hidcote	Rounded bush	EV	Flowers	Yellow	Summer
Philadelphus varieties	Rounded bush		Flowers	White	Summer
Rosmarinus Miss Jessops up.	Upright clump	EV	Foliage	Blue	Summer