



Easy to Grow Native Plants for your Shade Garden (selective list)

We have compiled two short lists of native shade plants that we have found easy to grow and care for. The first list contains plants which we have found to be generally well behaved, i.e., not aggressive. The plants in the second list, for less favorable shade areas, are plants that we have found to spread readily. However, plants respond differently to different situations.

For All Shade Areas

Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)

Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)

Corydalis (*Corydalis micrantha micrantha*)

Bluebells (*Mertensia virginia*)

Celandine (Woodland) poppy
(*Stylorophorum diphyllum*)

Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*)

Goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*)

Jack in the Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)

For Difficult Shade Areas

False Solomon's Seal (*Smilacina racemosa*)

Ferns of many different native species

Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium septans*)

Jewelweed (*Impatiens biflora*)

Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*)

True Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum commutatum*)

Wild Geranium (*Geranium Maculatum*)

Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense reflexum*)

For more information about these plants, consult the list of databases and search engines on the chapter's Resources page: <http://illinoisprairie.wildones.org/resources/databases/>