

Lawn Alternatives - Groundcovers for Difficult Sites

Name	Site Conditions					
	Foot traffic	Shade	Under trees	Wet	Hot/dry	Slopes
Heuchera spp. (Coral bells) E,N		X	X			
Tiarella spp. (Foamflower) E,N		X	X			
Epimedium spp. (Barrenwort)		X	X			
Geranium phaeum (Mourning widow)		X		X		
Lysimachia nummularia (Creeping jenny) E,V		X		X		
Convallaria majalis (Lily-of-the-valley) V		X	X	X		
Hosta fortunei and other spp (Hosta)		X		X		
Gaultheria shallon (Salal) E,N,H		X	X		X	X
Gaultheria procumbens (Wintergreen) E,H		X				
Cornus canadensis (Bunchberry) H,N		X	X			
Dicentra formosa (Western bleeding heart) N		X	X			
Polystichum munitum (Sword fern) E,N		X	X			
Fragaria chiloensis (Beach strawberry) H,N		X	X		X	
Gallium odoratum (Sweet woodruff)		X				
Vaccinium vitis-idaea (Lingonberry) E,H,N		X				
Veronica repens (Speedwell)	X				X	X
Ajuga reptans (Carpet bugle) V		X				
Acaena spp. (New Zealand burr) E	X				X	X
Mazus reptans (Creeping mazus) E	X			X		
Arctostaphylos urva-ursi (Kinnickinnick) E,H,N					X	X
Thymus pseudolanuginosus (Wooly thyme) E	X				X	X
Mentha requennii (Corsican mint)	X	X		X		
Isotoma fluviatilis (Blue star creeper)	X			X		
Sagina verna or aurea (Irish or Scotch moss) E	X	X				
Sedum spurium (Stonecrop)					X	
Helianthemum hybrids (Rock rose) E					X	X
Cerastium tomentosum (Snow in summer) V					X	

PLANT LEGEND: E = evergreen N = native to BC
H = good habitat value V = vigorous spreader