

## **Plant Database - Groundcovers**

## **Groundcovers by Common Name**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Comments
Ajuga; Bugleweed	Ajuga reptans	<ul> <li>Size: low (foliage 2"); floral spikes 6 to 8" tall)</li> <li>Culture: partial sun to shade; requires constant moisture in Arkansas</li> </ul>
Bigleaf Vinca	Vinca major	<ul> <li>Size: 12" tall</li> <li>Culture: shade to partial sun</li> <li>Misc: variegated selections more common than green leaf forms.</li> </ul>
English Ivy	Hedera helix	<ul> <li>Size: groundcover 8 to 10" tall; broadleaf evergreen vine or ground cover</li> <li>Culture: sun or shade; fairly tough</li> <li>Adult plant has flowers and fruit</li> <li>Climbs by root-like holdfasts</li> <li>Many cultivars</li> <li>Considered invasive weed in some parts of U.S.</li> </ul>
Japanese Star Jasmine	Trachelospermum asiaticum	<ul> <li>Size: 12" tall</li> <li>Culture: sun to partial sun; tolerant of most soils</li> <li>Best in cold hardiness zones 7 and 8</li> <li>Broadleaf evergreen groundcover, leaves very glossy, dark green</li> </ul>
Liriope	Liriope muscari	<ul> <li>Size: 12' tall; some cultivars shorter or taller</li> <li>Exposure: sun to shade; tough groundcover</li> <li>Flower spikes purple or white</li> <li>Cultivars: 'Big Blue', 'Majestic', 'Variegata'</li> </ul>

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Mondograss	Ophiopogon japonicus	<ul> <li>Size: 6 to 8" tall (shorter than <u>Liriope</u> [Liriope muscari] )</li> <li>Exposure: partial sun to shade; requires more moisture than <u>Liriope</u></li> <li>Narrow leaves usually a dark green</li> <li>Slightly less hardy than <u>Liriope</u></li> <li>Flowers usually hidden in foliage</li> </ul>
Pachysandra	Pachysandra terminalis	<ul> <li>Size: 8 to 10" tall</li> <li>Culture: shade; requires constant moisture in Arkansas</li> <li>White flowers not significant</li> </ul>
Vinca	Vinca minor	<ul> <li>Size: 8" tall</li> <li>Culture: partial sun to shade; not as tough as <u>Bigleaf Vinca</u> (V. major).</li> <li>1" flowers, blue/purple or white</li> </ul>
Wintercreeper Euonymus	Euonymus fortunei 'Coloratus'	<ul> <li>Size: 12 to 15" tall</li> <li>Culture: sun to partial sun; fairly tolerant of soils</li> <li>Deep maroon winter leaf color (broadleaf evergreen)</li> </ul>

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