

Appendix XV: Wildlife friendly plants for a shaded area

Some Woodland wildlife friendly flowers:



Yellow Archangel

Bluebell

Wild Garlic

Lesser Celandine

Wood Anemone

Shade tolerant wildlife friendly flowers:

Autumn-flowering: → Winter-flowering: → Spring-flowering: → Summer-flowering ¶



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Some shade tolerant shrubs include:



Viburnum: Evergreen. Spring/Summer flowers. Vinca: Evergreen. Spring/Summer flower



Sweet box: Evergreen. White flower Winter.

Cherry Laurel: Evergreen, White flower Spring, Red berry Autumn.



Lomatia leaved Mahonia: Evergreen. Yellow flower Winter. Blue or black fruit Winter.

Firethorn: Evergreen. White flower Summer, Orange berries Autumn.



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Autumn flowering:

- Cyclamen species (*Cyclamen* sp.): Perennial, Autumn pink or purple flowers, 0.5m (not particularly wildlife friendly but is nice addition to a shaded space)
- Heuchera Zipper: Perennial evergreen, pink flowers and white flowers in Autumn, 0.5m
- Japanese anemone September Charm (*Anemone X hybrida* September Charm): Spreads easily, perennial, pink flower in Summer and Winter, 1m.
- Rudbeckia (Summerina series): Perennial, orange flowers and yellow flowers in Autumn and Summer, shade variety, 1m.
- Hyssop species (e.g. *Hysopus officinalis*): Semi evergreen, perennial, blue flower in Autumn and Summer, 0.5m
- Phlox 'Blue Boy' (*Phlox paniculata* 'Blue Boy'): Perennial, purple or white flowers in Summer and Autumn, 1m.

Winter flowering:

- Oriental Hellebore (*Helleborus orientalis*): Evergreen perennial, white flower late winter/early Spring 0.5m
- Korean elephant's ears (*Bergenia crassifolia*): Evergreen perennial, pink flowers and purple flowers in Winter and Spring, 0.5m
- Sweet Box small shrub (*Sarcococca hookeriana*): Evergreen shrub with white flowers in Winter or Spring and followed by red, purple or black berries so good for birds also. 1.5m.
- Laurustinus large shrub (*Viburnum laurustinus*): Evergreen, white flower in Winter and Spring, black or blue fruit in Autumn or Winter so good for birds, 4m.

Spring flowering:

- Aquilegia species (e.g. *Aquilegia canadensis*): May/June red and yellow Flowers, Perennial, 0.5m
- Bleeding heart species (*Dicentra sp.*): Late Spring/early Summer, Perennial, pink flowers, 0.5m
- Elephant's ears species (e.g. *Bergenia crassifolia*): Evergreen perennial, pink flowers and purple flowers in Winter and Spring, 0.5m
- Kitaibel's bittercress (*Cardamine kitaibelli*): Perennial, white flowers and yellow flowers in Spring, 0.5m
- Bugloss species (*Brunnera sp.*): Spring blue flowers (like forget me not), perennial, 0.5m
- Virginia bluebell (*Mertensia pulmonarioides*): Blue flower in Spring, perennial, 0.5m
- Cranesbill species e.g. Langthorn's Blue (*Geranium* species): Blue flower in Spring, perennial, 1m
- Oriental Hellebore (*Helleborus orientalis*): Evergreen perennial, white flower late winter/early Spring 0.5m
- Solomon's Seal (e.g. *Polygonatum multiflorum*): Perennial, white flower in Spring, 1.5m
- Bailey's Himalayan Blue Poppy (*Meconopsis baileyi*): Blue flower late Spring/Early Summer, Perennial, 1.5m, striking when en masse
- Heuchera various species e.g. *H. zipper* (Summer and Autumn white flowers); H. guacamole (creamy white flowers Spring and Summer); H. Red Lightning (white flowers in Spring and Summer); H. Silver Gumdrop (red to pink flowers late Spring to early Summer); H. Isla (pinky red flowers very attractive to bees from early Summer).
- Green Alkanet (*Pentaglottis sempervirens*): Evergreen perennial, blue flowers in Spring and Summer, 1m.
- Narrow leaved Lungwort (*Pulmonaria longifolia*): Semi evergreen perennial, blue flowers in Spring, 0.5m.
- Bugle (*Ajuga* species): Evergreen perennial, spreading and mat forming, white flower in Spring and Summer, 0.5m
- Avens (*Geum* species): Perennial, red/orange flower in Spring and Summer, 0.5m
- Spurge species (*Euphorbia* species): Evergreen perennial, yellow flowers in Spring and Summer, 1m.
- Monk's Hood Anglicum Group (*Aconitum napellus*): Perennial, purple flower in Spring and Summer, 1.5m

Summer flowering:

- Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*): Purple/pink flower June, semi evergreen, 0.5-1m
- Aquilegia (e.g. *Aquilegia canadensis*): May/June red and yellow flowers, Perennial, 0.5m
- Bleeding heart species (*Dicentra sp.*): Late Spring/early Summer, Perennial, pink flowers, 0.5m
- Astrantia (*Astrantia sp.*): Perennial, pink flowers and white flowers in Summer, 1m
- Astilbe (e.g. *Astilbe superba sp.*). Perennial, pink or purple flowers in Summer, 1.5m
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- Chinese Meadow Rue (*Thalictrum delavayi*): not particularly good for wildlife but nice border shaded space plant, pink flowers in Spring and Summer, upright perennial, 1.5m
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Extensive list of shade tolerant pollinator friendly flowers:

P: partial shade

F: Full Shade

Alum root 'pear crisp' (*Heuchera* Pear Crisp): Perennial, clump forming, 0.1-0.5m, evergreen, white flower Summer. **(P) (F)**

Alum root 'Zipper' (*Heuchera* 'Zipper'): Perennial, clump forming, 0.1-0.5m, evergreen, white flower Autumn and Summer, cream/orange/yellow leaves **(P) (F)**

Alum Root (*Heuchera*) species various.

Autumn Sage (*Salvia greggii* Emperor): perennial, bushy, semi evergreen, 0.5-1m, purple flower Autumn and Summer

Bugle 'Braunherz' (*Ajuga reptans* 'Braunhertz'): Perennial, evergreen, mat forming, 0.1-0.5m tall/0.51m wide, dark blue flower Spring and Summer, purple foliage **(P) (F)**

Bugle various species.

Chaenomeles rose (*Chaenomeles speciosa* 'Yukigotan'): Spreading/branched, 1.5-2m, white flower Spring, yellow berry Autumn **(F)**

Cranesbill (*Geranium cantabrigiense*). Herbaceous Perennial. Evergreen. 0.1-0.5m. Pink flower Summer. Red, orange and green foliage in Autumn and Winter. **(F)**

Cranesbill 'big root' (*Geranium macrorrhizum*): herbaceous perennial, semi evergreen, 0.1-0.5m, pink flower Spring and Summer, red/orange/green foliage **(P) (F)**

Dwarf Ivy (*Hedera helix congesta*): non climbing dwarf shrub, 0.1-0.5m tall/wide, evergreen **(F)**

Elephant's Ears 'Bressingham salmon' (*Bergenia* Bressingham Salmon): Clump forming perennial, 0.1-0.5m tall/wide, evergreen, pink flowers Spring, orange and green foliage Winter **(F)**

Elephant's Ears (*Bergenia*) various species. **(P)**

Foxglove 'Pam's Choice' (*Digitalis purpurea* Pam's Choice): Biennial, semi evergreen, 1-1.5m, purple flower Summer. **(P)**

Foxglove various species. **(P).**

Hellebore (stinking): (*Helleborus foetidus*): Perennial, evergreen, bushy, 0.5-1m, yellow flower Spring and Winter, sheltered. **(P) (F)**

Hellebore various species.

Heucherella 'Pink whispers' (*Heucherella* 'pink whispers'): Perennial, evergreen, compact herbaceous, 0.1-0.5m tall/wide, pink flower Summer, green and red foliage **(P) (F)**



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Hydrangea (*Hydrangea anomala*): Climber to 12m, deciduous, cream/pink/red flowers Summer **(F)**

Ivy Congesta (*Hedera helix congesta*): non climbing dwarf shrub, 0.1-0.5m, bushy, green **(F)**

Kitaibel's Bittercress (*Cardamine kitaibelii*): 0.1-0.5m tall, deciduous, yellow flower Spring **(F)**

Korean Elephant's Ears (*Bergenia crassifolia* var.): 0.1-0.5m tall/wide, evergreen, pink and purple flowers Spring and Winter **(F)**

Lungwort (narrow leaved) (*Pulmonaria longifolia*): Perennial, semi evergreen, 0.1-0.5m, blue flower Spring, silver and green foliage **(P)(F)**

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Lungwort (David Ward) (*Pulmonaria rubra* David Ward): Perennial, semi evergreen, 0.1-0.5m, coral red flowers late Winter, early Spring. **(P) (F)**

Lungwort various species.

Mrs. Robb's Bonnet (*Euphorbia amygdaloides* var *robbiae*): Perennial, evergreen, spreading, 0.1-0.5m tall/1-1.5m wide, suckering, yellow flower Spring and Summer **(P) (F)**

Mrs. Robb's Bonnet various.

Oenothera 'white dove' (*Oenothera lindtheimeri* 'white dove'): perennial, deciduous, upright, clump forming, 0.5-1m, white flower Autumn and Summer **(P)**

Oleaster Gilt Edge (*Eleagnus x submacrophylla* 'Gilt edge'): shrub, 2.5m-4m tall/wide, evergreen, white flower Autumn, orange berries Winter **(F)**

Oregon grape hybrid (*Mahonia x media*): shrub: 2.5-4m tall/wide, evergreen, yellow flower Autumn and Winter **(F)**

Penstemon 'heavenly blue' (*Penstemon heterophyllus*): Perennial, semi evergreen, 0.1-0.5m, blue flower Autumn and Summer, sheltered. **(P)**

Penstemon 'thorn' (*Penstemon* 'thorn'): perennial, semi evergreen, 0.5-1m, pink and white flowers Autumn and Summer **(P)**

Penstemon species variety: Many. **(P)**

Sage (*Salvia officinalis*): 0.5-1m, evergreen, bushy, blue flower Summer, silver/yellow/green foliage all year **(F)**

Salvia species variety. Many. **(P)**.

Skimmia (*Skimmia japonica*): Bush 0.5-1m tall/wide, evergreen, white flower Spring **(F)**

Spotted deadnettle (*Lamium maculatum* 'Brightstone pearl'): Perennial, mat forming, evergreen, 10cm tall/0.1-0.5m wide, pink flower Summer, sheltered. **(P) (F)**



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Spotted dead nettle (*Lamium*) species various.

Tellima Forest Frost (*Tellima grandiflora*): Perennial, semi evergreen, mound forming, 0.1-0.5m tall/wide, pink and white flowers Spring and Summer, silver and green foliage **(P) (F)**

Viburnum (*Viburnum tinus Variegatum*): shrub, 1.5-2.5m tall/wide, evergreen, white flower Winter/Spring **(F)**

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