



Redwood Barn Nursery

1607 Fifth Street Davis, California

Ground covers

Type_Class	Genus	Species	Variety	Common name	Comments
Perennial ground covers	<i>Ajuga</i>	<i>reptans</i>		Carpet bugle	Bronze, green, and giant bronze are available. Prefers dry-ish shade. Rots readily if watered more than about once a week, and can tolerate it less often.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Aptenia</i>	<i>cordifolia</i>		Red apples	Popular succulent with red flowers. Rampant! Blooms freely, smothers weeds. Bees love it. Frost turns leaves to mush, but it quickly resprouts in spring.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Arctostaphylos</i>	<i>uva-ursi</i>	'Point Reyes'		Another selected form with nice foliage.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Arctostaphylos</i>	<i>uva-ursi</i>	'Radiant'		Shiny, clean foliage, contrast nicely with red stems & berries
Perennial ground covers	<i>Arctostaphylos (Manzanita)</i>	<i>hybrid</i>	'Emerald Carpet'		Manzanitas are very fussy about overwatering, not happy about hard water. This form was selected for attractive shiny leaves, dense growth habit.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Arctotheca</i>	<i>calendula</i>		Cape weed	Vigorous, spreading, kind of coarse looking, grey-green leaved ground cover with yellow daisy flowers. Great for big areas. Tolerates drought or watering. Full sun or very light shade.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Armeria</i>	<i>maritima</i>		Sea Pink	Makes little mounds of dark shiny green needle-like leaves. Pink flowers are very showy in spring. Easy to grow, but wants to be on the dry side.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Bacopa</i>				For the ground cover usually sold as <i>Bacopa</i> , see <i>Sutera</i> . This plant is an aquatic.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Campanula</i>	<i>porscharskyana</i>		Serbian bellflower	Very adaptable plant with pretty blue flowers on trailing (or climbing!) stems in April-May. Soft green leaves, spreads steadily in shade or sun (not hot afternoon sun). Regular watering. Alba is a white variety
Perennial ground covers	<i>Campanula</i>	<i>portenschlagiana</i>		Dalmatian bellflower	Like a small version of <i>C. porscharskyana</i> . Usually available in 4" pots, not in flats.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Carpobrotus</i>	<i>edulis</i>		Ice plant, Hottentot fig; freeway iceplant	The big-leaved succulent iceplant used by CalTrans. Not for small areas.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Cerastium</i>	<i>tomentosum</i>		Snow in Summer	Fuzzy silver leaves on a 3" mat. Takes full sun, or light shade; dry soil or regular watering. Pure white flowers in cover the plant in March - April. The plant looks a little shaggy after bloom, so mow or shear it lightly. May die out here and there, but fills back in.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Chamaemelum</i>	<i>nobile</i>		Chamomile	The ground cover chamomile. Tea is made from the flowers of <i>Matricaria recutita</i> . Full sun or very light shade. Moderately drought tolerant. Looks shaggy after it blooms; just trim or mow it.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Cymbalaria</i>	<i>muralis</i>		Kenilworth ivy	This is a pesky weed along the coast, but is much more restrained here. Delicate looking leaves and violet flowers. Nice in baskets or as a small ground cover in the shade. Won't tolerate drought.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Delosperma</i>	<i>cooperi</i>		Ice plant	A very cold hardy ice plant which can take sun or light shade. Very low-growing, with purple flowers in summer.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Delosperma</i>	<i>nubigenum</i>		Ice plant	A very cold hardy ice plant which can take sun or light shade. Grows very low, with yellow flowers in late spring.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Dianthus</i>	<i>gratianopolitanus</i>	Tiny Rubies		Very dense, low mat to only 3" tall. Cute as the dickens! Little fragrant pink flowers in great profusion in spring. The rest of the year it's a dark green carpet.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Diascia</i>	<i>hybrids</i>		Twinspur	Trailing plants with little spikes of flowers in spring, early summer, sometimes longer. Plant in partial shade. Not a large scale ground cover; cute around other perennials. Rot in wet cold soil. Mostly shades of pink.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Diascia</i>	<i>integerrima</i>		Twinspur	Narrower leaves than the hybrid <i>Diascias</i> ; purplish pink flowers. 'Ruby Field' is darker pink and a little shorter than the species.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Dichondra</i>	<i>repens</i>		Dichondra	Mix with grass for shady lawn. Damaged in hard freezes, but recovers. Flea beetles and fungus can be problems, so we don't recommend planting it by itself. Drought-tolerant.

Perennial ground covers	<i>Drosanthemum</i>	<i>species</i>		Ice plant	These are the ice plants with tiny, crystal-like dots on the leaves. Damaged in cold winters here.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Duchesnea</i>	<i>indica</i>		Mock strawberry	Rampant! Spreads freely. Birds eat the fruit and spread the seeds. Prefers some shade. Best if you mow it occasionally.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Dymondia</i>	<i>margaretae</i>		Dymondia	Very tough, low-growing ground cover for dry areas. Little yellow flowers. Some die-out if overwatered. May be damaged in cold winters, but recovers. Excellent between step stones.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Epilobium</i>	<i>species</i>		California fuchsia	Several species and varieties, ranging from 6" to 2' +. Bright orange-red flowers in late summer through fall attract hummingbirds. Tolerate drought or infrequent watering. Will grow in very light shade or full sun. Cut back when they look rough in the winter.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Erigeron</i>	<i>karvinskianus</i>		Santa Barbara daisy	Very tough ground cover with small green leaves and pale pink daisy flowers. Blooms nearly all the time. Spreads steadily for several feet, rooting here and there. Profusion has slightly larger flowers.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Erigeron</i>	<i>karvinskianus moerheimii</i>	moerheimii	Santa Barbara daisy	This form has a low, mounding habit, narrower leaves, lavender-pink flowers.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Erodium</i>	<i>chamaedryoides</i>		Cranesbill	Cute little pink flowers on a mat-forming plant. Not reliable enough for large areas, as it tends to die out. Should go a little dry between waterings.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Festuca</i>	<i>ovina glauca</i>		Blue (grey) fescue	Tufts of silvery grey grass for edging, small ground cover, or to contrast with shiny, red, or burgundy foliage. Full sun best. Should go a little dry between waterings. Great to provide accent along stone paths.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Fragaria</i>	<i>chiloensis</i>		Ornamental strawberry	The true ornamental strawberry, not mock strawberry (<i>Duchesnea indica</i>). Fussy about drainage and prone to yellowing if it is overwatered. Tends to die out after 2 - 3 years here.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Gazania</i>		many varieties available	Gazania	<i>G. leucoleana</i> forms spread, have silver foliage, yellow or orange flowers. Clumping types have showier flowers, but don't cover ground as thoroughly—better in perennial borders.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Glechoma</i>	<i>hederacea</i>		Ground ivy	Very vigorous ground cover which can be mixed in shady lawns or used as a lawn substitute. Will take considerable sun, but burns when planted along sidewalks or driveways in full sun.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Glechoma</i>	<i>hederacea</i>	Variegata	Ground ivy	Less vigorous form, very useful for hanging baskets and mixed color plantings for shade.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Hedera</i>	<i>canariensis</i>		Algerian ivy	The big-leaved ivy you see taking over yards and providing habitat for rodents. Slow to get going, but becomes rampant. Acceptable large-scale ground cover where it can be mowed annually. Burns in afternoon sun.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Hedera</i>	<i>helix</i>		English ivy	'Hahn's' is the most common small-leaved English ivy with leaves that are as broad as long. 'Glacier' is variegated. 'Needlepoint' is the common narrow-leaved variety. There are many other varieties which differ in leaf shape and variegation. Slow to become rampant—but it eventually does.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Helxine</i>	<i>soleirolia</i>		Baby's tears	See Soleirolia.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Herniaria</i>	<i>repens</i>		Green carpet	Flat, green carpet of foliage. Flowers are barely visible. Slow, but great between step stones. <i>H. glabra</i> is taller, more open, a little faster.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Hypericum</i>	<i>calycinum</i>		St. Johnswort	Showy golden flowers in May, but several drawbacks. Spreads by rhizomes to cover large areas. Hard to eradicate once established. Nearly always gets rust fungus. Fertilize and mow regularly to manage the disease; fungicides won't control it.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Ilysanthes (Linderna)</i>	<i>floribunda</i>			Groundcover with tiny blue flowers.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Lampranthus</i>	<i>spectabilis</i>		Trailing Ice plant	Spectacular flowers in purple, pink. May be damaged in frost, but usually recovers.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Lantana</i>	<i>sellowiana</i>		Trailing Lantana	Lavender flowers; there is also a white form. Grows to a foot tall, with each plant spreading 6' - 10'. Very tolerant of heat and drought. Cut back in spring to remove frost damage. Also sold as <i>L. montevidensis</i> .

Perennial ground covers	<i>Lithodora</i>	<i>diffusa</i>			Vivid, true blue flowers on a slow-growing mat. Fussy: needs excellent drainage; avoid overwatering.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Mazus</i>	<i>reptans</i>		Mazus	Flat mat suitable between steppingstones. Small lavender (or white) flowers are cute and profuse in spring and early summer.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Mentha</i>	<i>requienii</i>		Jewel mint of Corsica	Wonderful pennyroyal mint fragrance. Needs good drainage, even moisture. Not reliable as a large-scale ground cover, as it is susceptible to rot even when carefully watered.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Mesembryanthemum</i>	<i>crystallinum</i>		Ice plant	This is an annual plant which grows along the coast. The ground covers formerly sold under this name are now called <i>Lampranthus</i> . <i>Delosperma</i> and <i>Carpobrotus</i> are other iceplants.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Myoporum</i>	<i>parvifolium</i>			Fast-growing, very drought tolerant ground cover that gets a few inches tall and many feet across. This is for large areas. 'Putah Creek' has larger leaves and flowers and gets to a foot tall. There is also a form with light pink flowers.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Ophiopogon</i>	<i>japonicus</i>		Mondo grass	Very shade tolerant, slow-growing grass-like plant with dark green leaves. Even successful as a houseplant or in terrariums (I had some for months in a fishtank!). Tough roots compete with trees. 'Nana' is a very dwarf, slow-growing form.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Osteospermum</i>	<i>fruticosum</i>		African daisy	Purple and white daisy flowers. Fast, dense, smothers weeds. Big and vigorous; not for small yards! Note: there are new shrubby hybrids that spread moderately and are nice in perennial borders.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Pachysandra</i>	<i>terminalis</i>		Japanese spurge	Common ground cover for shade, but prone to iron deficiency which causes it to get chronically anemic in Davis and Woodland. 'Variegata' has creamy white stripes.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Pachysandra</i>	<i>terminalis</i>	'Variegata'		This white edge variety is non-invasive.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Pelargonium</i>	<i>peltatum</i>		Ivy Geranium	The easiest of the geraniums. Blooms from spring through fall on trailing plants. Too frost tender to grow as a permanent ground cover here. More shade-tolerant than other geraniums, and resistant to geranium budworm. Great hanging basket.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Persicaria</i>	<i>species</i>		Knotweed, Pink clover	Formerly <i>Polygonum</i> ; some are weeds. <i>P. capitata</i> has pretty pink flowers, makes a great ground cover in sun or shade. Deciduous for a brief period in winter. Very drought tolerant.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Phyla</i>	<i>nodiflora</i>		Lippia	Also sold as <i>Lippia repens</i> . Very tough, vigorous ground cover used by CalTrans. Pretty flowers, but weedy and invasive.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Potentilla</i>	<i>verna</i>		Cinquefoil	One of the woody-looking yellow-flowered ground covers used by landscapers (<i>Duchesnea</i> is the other one). Spreads quickly, but prone to various leaf-attacking fungus and tends to die out after a couple of years. Then it resprouts and is hard to get rid of. Not recommended.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Pratia</i>	<i>pedunculata</i>		Blue star creeper	Very pretty mat-forming ground cover with blue flowers. Needs good drainage and careful watering. Not reliable for large areas.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Raoulia</i>	<i>australis</i>		Vegetable sheep	Interesting tiny-leaved, grey, fuzzy ground cover. Keep it dry.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Rosmarinus</i>	<i>officinalis</i>		Rosemary	'Huntington Carpet', 'Ingrami' (= 'Collingwood Ingram'), 'Irene', 'Lockwood de Forest', are selected forms with spreading habits. They vary in height (1' - 2' +), depth of flower color.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Rosmarinus</i>	<i>officinalis</i>	'Prostrata'	Rosemary	Pale blue (lavender) flowers all winter. This is the only variety commonly available in flats.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Sagina</i>	<i>subulata</i>		Irish moss, Scotch moss	Not really a moss--prefers sun! Needs good drainage. Dark green shiny foliage on <i>S. subulata</i> , golden foliage on <i>S. subulata</i> 'Aurea'. <i>Arenaria verna</i> is similar. Good for small areas between steppingstones.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Scaevola</i>	X	'Mauve Clusters'	Scaevola	This hybrid is occasionally available in flats. Mauve flowers, shiny leaves on a 6" plant which trails. Prone to rot if overwatered; keep it on the dry side. Several varieties of <i>S. aemula</i> with different colored flowers have been introduced.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>anglicum</i>		English sedum	Low growing succulent ground cover. Tolerates sun or shade, drought or watering. Yellow flowers are pretty but not showy. Excellent between step stones.

Perennial ground covers	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>brevifolium</i>		Stonecrop	Fast-spreading, low, dark green succulent. Looks a bit rough after bloom; rake through it (don't worry about the stems breaking off) to rejuvenate it. Tolerates some shade or full sun, average watering or drought. Good between stepstones.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>confusum</i>		Golden sedum	Dense, slow-growing succulent with shiny yellow-green leaves and showy yellow flowers. Great for edging; mix with grasses, use in pots, around stepstones. Takes sun or moderate shade, drought or average watering.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>guatemalense</i>		Pork and beans	See <i>Sedum rubrotinctum</i>
Perennial ground covers	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>rubrotinctum</i>		Pork and beans	Formerly <i>S. guatemalense</i> . Leaves look like little beans. Slow-growing succulent for edging, borders, small ground cover areas. Nice around stepstones, but brittle. Yellow flowers are pretty but not showy.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>spathulifolium</i>	'Cape Blanco'	Stonecrop	Slow-growing, clean-looking succulent ground cover with blue-green leaves that have a reddish-purple tinge. Yellow flowers are pretty but not showy. Takes sun to moderate shade; drought to average watering. 'Purpureum' is darker. Available infrequently in flats.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Sedum</i>	<i>spurium</i>		Dragon's Blood sedum	'Dragon's Blood' is most common: a very low succulent grown for attractive reddish-bronze leaves. Tolerates sun or some shade; average watering or drought. 'Tricolor' has leaves that are white, pink, and green.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Soleirolia</i>	<i>soleirolii</i>		Baby's tears	Grows fairly fast in partial shade to full shade. Won't take hot sun. Can become somewhat invasive. Soft green moss look. Needs plenty of moisture.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Sphaeralcea</i>	<i>munroana</i>		Mallow	Vigorous, tough plant with reddish-salmon blooms all summer and fall. Very tolerant of heat and drought.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Stenotaphrum</i>	<i>secundatum</i>		St. Augustine grass	Coarse-bladed grass which spreads by rhizomes, used in Southern California as a lawn substitute. Invasiveness and brown winter appearance are drawbacks.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Teucrium</i>	<i>cossonii majoricum</i>		prostrate Germander	Excellent evergreen groundcover, very tough and easy to grow. Soft gray foliage with fluffy deep purple flowers.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Teucrium</i>	<i>majoricum</i>			same as <i>T. cossonii majoricum</i>
Perennial ground covers	<i>Teucrium</i>		x 'Crispum'	Curly wood sage	Ruffled green leaves, deep green tinged with lime coloring, on this tough evergreen groundcover. Great for dry shade. Small white flower spikes mid-summer.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Thymus</i>	<i>species</i>		Thymes	There are several species of creeping thymes in the trade: pink thyme, mother-of-thyme, elfin thyme, etc.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Thymus</i>	<i>citriodora</i>			Compact green and yellow miniature shrub, smells like lemon.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Thymus</i>	<i>lanuginosus</i>		Woolly thyme	See <i>T. pseudolanuginosus</i> .
Perennial ground covers	<i>Thymus</i>	<i>pseudolanuginosus</i>		Woolly thyme	Fuzzy grey-leaved mat-forming thyme used between step stones. Keep it on the dry side.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Verbena</i>		Tapiens hybrids	Verbena	Very low growers with finely cut leaves which resist mildew. Very vivid flowers--the deep purple is one of the best.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Verbena</i>		Temari hybrids	Verbena	Low-growing ground cover forms with broad leaves (unlike the Tapiens) which are nice, dark green. Especially bright flowers.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Verbena</i>	<i>peruviana</i>		Verbena	Many varieties available, in different colors. These are the old types, most commonly available in ground cover flats.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Verbena</i>	<i>peruviana</i>	'St. Paul'	pink Verbena	The best of the original ground cover verbenas, this one has rosy-pink flowers and is an especially abundant bloomer.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Verbena</i>	<i>tenuisecta</i>		Verbena	An old-fashioned type with divided leaves, similar to the Tapiens varieties but taller, rangier.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Veronica</i>	<i>repens</i>		Speedwell	Very low mat-forming ground cover to use between step stones in sun or light shade. Can take some drought. Little clusters of flowers are cute but not showy.

Perennial ground covers	<i>Vinca</i>	<i>major</i>		Periwinkle	Shiny leaves, 1 - 3 deep, and pretty periwinkle flowers. Can become rampant. Variegated form is more restrained. Survives total drought but looks best if you water occasionally.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Vinca</i>	<i>minor</i>		dwarf Periwinkle	Purple, white, and variegated forms available. They are all less vigorous than the Bowles variety more commonly sold in flats. Prefer shade or part sun, not afternoon sun. Overwatering leads to crown rot.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Vinca</i>	<i>minor</i>	'Illumination'		very pretty yellow-variegated leaves.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Viola</i>	<i>labradorica</i>			According to the SWGBook, the plant we sell under this name is actually <i>V. riviniana</i> 'Purpurea'. Easy, vigorous but not rampant, with dark purple flowers for a long period in spring.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Viola</i>	<i>odorata</i>		Sweet or English violet	This is the sweet violet of Shakespeare, with wonderfully fragrant flowers. Spreads slowly by runners, but also reseeds profusely. You will never be rid of this once you plant it. Not available in flats, sometimes in 4 pots. Very prone to spider mites in wholesale production, leaf gall in the garden. 'Rosina' is pink, 'Royal Robe' has larger purple flowers, and there is a white form as well.
Perennial ground covers	<i>Zauschneria</i>	<i>species</i>		California fuchsia	See <i>Epilobium</i> .
Perennial ground covers	<i>Zoysia</i>	<i>tenuifolia</i>		Korean grass	Very dense, interestingly lumpy grass ground cover with needle-fine leaves. Dormant (brown) in winter. Very tough.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Arctostaphylos</i>	<i>species</i>		Manzanita	Manzanitas are very fussy about overwatering, not happy about hard water. Suitable for dry landscapes only.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Arctostaphylos</i>	<i>uva-ursi</i>		Bearberry	Varieties of this species are the most common used as ground covers. 'Emerald Carpet' has dense growth, shiny green leaves. 'Pt. Reyes' has dark green leaves. 'San Bruno Mtn.' has thick leaves, large berries.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Baccharis</i>	<i>pilularis</i>	'Twin Peaks'	dwarf Coyote bush	Very tough, drought-tolerant native. Great for attracting beneficial insects. Otherwise a dull, somewhat scruffy looking plant. Gets a borer that causes branches to die out. Cut back severely when infested.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Ceanothus</i>	<i>species</i>	several varieties are used as ground covers	Wild lilac	Attractive shiny leaves; pretty blue flowers in spring. Ground cover forms range from a few inches to a few feet tall, spreading several feet. don't plant where they'll have to be pruned. Water deeply and very infrequently in summer.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Ceanothus</i>	<i>griseus horizontalis</i>		Carmel Creeper	2' tall by 5' + wide. Attractive large, shiny leaves; light blue flowers in April.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Ceanothus</i>	<i>griseus</i>	'Yankee Point'		To 3-4' tall, spreading widely. Easily kept lower by pruning. Attractive large, shiny leaves. Medium blue flowers in April.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Cistus</i>	<i>salvifolius</i>	'Prostratus'		Most Cistus are medium-sized shrubs. This form has white flowers on a low-growing plant.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Cistus</i>	<i>skanbergi</i>			Low, mounding rockrose with small pink flowers
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Coprosma</i>	<i>kirkii</i>		Coprosma	Shiny green leaves, very tough plant, but not common in the trade.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Correa</i>	<i>harrisii</i>		Australian fuchsia	Correas are easy to overwater. This form has red flowers.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Correa</i>	<i>pulchella</i>		Australian fuchsia	Pink flowers.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Correa</i>	<i>reflexa</i>	Yanakie	Australian fuchsia	Red and green flowers
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Cotoneaster</i>	<i>buxifolius</i>		Box-leaf cotoneaster	Tiny silver fuzzy leaves on a spreading shrub. Occasional upright shoots can be pruned out. Small white flowers in spring, and little cranberry red berries in winter, are pretty. Tough, tolerates drought or regular watering, sun or light shade. Can be pruned as low hedge.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Cotoneaster</i>	<i>dammeri</i>	'Coral Beauty'	Bearberry cotoneaster	Fast spreading shrub with shiny leaves and showy berries.

Shrubby ground covers	<i>Cotoneaster</i>	<i>horizontalis</i>		Rock cotoneaster	Very tight habit with small leaves. Branches take a formal, herringbone pattern. Effective trained flat against a wall. Nice fall color before brief deciduous period. 'Little Gem' is a miniature form. Very cute.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>fortunei</i>		Wintercreeper	Incredibly tough plants tolerate heat, drought, cold, sun, or shade.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>fortunei</i>	'Emerald Gaiety'	Wintercreeper	One of the best. White portions turn pretty pink color in winter.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>fortunei</i>	'Emerald n Gold'	Wintercreeper	Golden variegation is nice in shady areas.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>fortunei</i>	'Radicans Variegated'	Wintercreeper	More common in colder climates, but very reliable here.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Genista</i>	<i>lydia</i>		Lydia broom	Low mounding shrub with wiry stems and tiny leaves. Vivid yellow flowers in spring. Makes a low, dense mound. May reseed into lawn areas. Very tough.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>chinensis procumbens</i>	'Nana'	Japanese garden juniper	This Juniper prefers some afternoon shade. 'Greenmound' is a selected form with denser foliage.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>chinensis</i>	'San Jose'	San Jose juniper	Dark green foliage on a tough plant.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>horizontalis</i>	'Bar Harbor', 'Blue Chip'		Flat-growing types.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>horizontalis</i>	'Prince of Wales'		Low-growing with nice, medium-green foliage.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>horizontalis</i>	'Wiltonii'	Wilton's blue	The flattest of all junipers: hug the ground, sending out long branches. Nice vivid blue-green color. 'Blue Chip', 'Youngstown' are similar, taller.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Mahonia</i>	<i>repens</i>		Creeping mahonia	Shiny leaves, yellow flowers, shade tolerance are all selling points. Looks scraggly in containers, and kind of slow to get going.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Myoporum</i>	<i>parvifolium</i>		Creeping boobialla	Drought-tolerant, tough, fast-spreading. 'Putah Creek' is bigger, faster. 'Tucson' is faster, lower. There is a pink flowered form. Not for small yards.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Nandina</i>	<i>domestica</i>	'Harbour Dwarf'	dwarf Heavenly bamboo	Low form of Heavenly bamboo with fine leaves. Spreads slowly by rhizomes to make a small-scale ground cover.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Pyracantha</i>	<i>koidzumii</i>	'Santa Cruz'	prostrate Firethorn	A form of <i>Pyracantha</i> which hugs the ground. Same nice winter berries as the bigger forms. Resistant to fireblight.
Shrubby ground covers	<i>Rosa</i>	X	many varieties available		There are many ground cover roses: spreading or sprawling plants which don't require blooming, resist disease, and produce clusters of flowers over a long season. The Drift and Flower Carpet series have been marketed extensively, now available in pink, red, white, pale pink, and yellow.
Vine ground covers	<i>Hedera</i>	<i>helix</i>		English ivy	Small to medium, shiny leaves. Becomes rampant and invasive; roots into structures. Smaller-leaved types come in hundreds of varieties; great as filler in containers, or for a ground cover in confined situation. Good houseplants; shower them off periodically to control spider mites when grown indoors.
Vine ground covers	<i>Lonicera</i>	<i>japonica</i>	'Halliana'	Hall's Japanese honeysuckle	Rampant vine with fragrant flowers throughout the summer. Can be pruned severely or mowed occasionally. Shade tolerant. Twines.
Vine ground covers	<i>Sollya</i>	<i>heterophylla (fusiformis)</i>		Australian bluebell creeper	Small, with dense, tiny, shiny leaves. Can be used as a ground cover. Grows slowly to about 6' tall when supported; 1' - 2' as a ground cover. Nodding blue flowers in summer; 'Alba' has white flowers. 'Boddy's Choice' is a very slow-growing type grown as a shrub or ground cover. Quite shade tolerant, will grow under Eucalyptus trees. Twines.
Vine ground covers	<i>Trachelospermum</i>	<i>asiaticum</i>		Asian jasmine	Nearly always grown as a ground cover. Hardly ever flowers; grown for shiny leaves and exceptional durability. Shade tolerant.
Vine ground covers	<i>Trachelospermum</i>	<i>jasminoides</i>		Star jasmine	Can grow as a shrub or ground cover, but naturally a twining vine. Super fragrant flowers in May and June. Tolerates heat, cold, sun, shade, poor soil, drought, watering.....