

GRASSES & GROUNDCOVERS

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Asarum shuttleworthii

Evergreen Ginger



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Growing Requirements & Size:
Average, well-drained soil,
part to full shade, 6 - 8" tall.

- Native to the southeast.
- Evergreen in mild winters.
- Forms clumps of rounded to heart-shaped, aromatic leaves, usually mottled with silvery gray markings.
- Small vase-shaped, purplish brown flowers with reddish purple spots appear at ground level in spring.

Prostrate Heath Aster

Aster ericoides

‘Snow Flurry’

Sold as plugs!

- Needlelike deep green leaves will spread out and “drip” over containers or rock walls like moss phlox.
- Great as edging and groundcovers for sunny spots.
- It is covered by tiny white flowers from late summer to early fall.



Growing Requirements & Size:

Well-drained, average to dry soil, sun to bright shade, 4” tall, 24” wide.

Carex appalachica

Sold as plugs!

Appalachian Sedge

- Fine blades of grass form compact mounded clumps.
- A perfect edging plant, groundcover or lawn substitute for low traffic areas.



Growing Requirements & Size:
Average to dry soil, full sun to part shade, 3 - 5" tall.

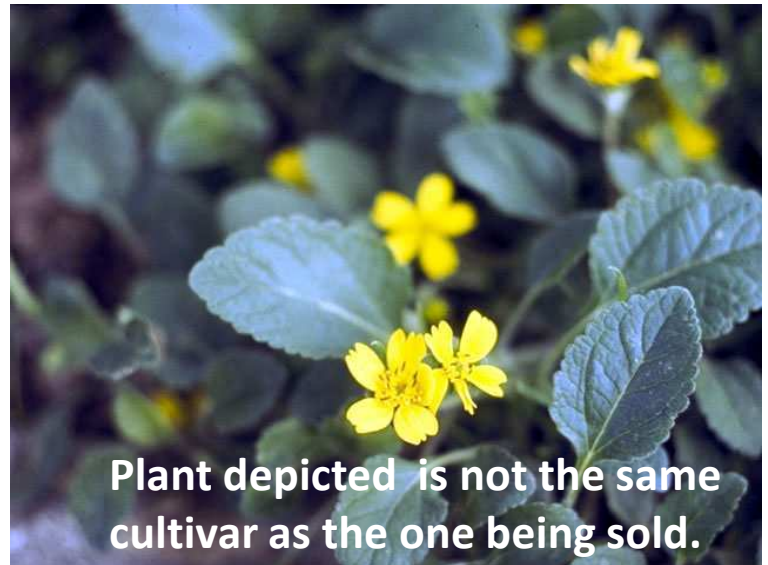


Chrysogonum virginianum

'Pierres'

Green and Gold

- A showy groundcover with clusters of star-shaped yellow flowers blooming for long periods atop the tight clump of foliage.
- Spreads slowly by runners.



Growing Requirements & Size:

Average to dry soil, sun to shade,
4 -6" tall.



Meehania cordata

Sold as plugs!

Meehan's Mint



- Delicate, trailing stems run across the ground and root along the way.
- In late spring the green carpet gives way to hundreds of blue flowers opening to reveal spotted throats.

Growing Requirements & Size:
Moist organic soil, shade, 2 - 5" tall.

- Wonderful groundcover, either alone or mixed with Tiarella, violets, and other woodlanders.

Muhlenbergia capillaris

Pink Muhly Grass

- Purplish-red or pink inflorescence is a diffuse, silky panicle, 18" long and 10" wide, that stands above the wiry leaves
- The ripe seeds that follow give an attractive tan color to the wispy plumes.




Growing Requirements & Size:

Average to moist soil, full sun to light shade, 3' tall.

Pachysandra procumbens

Mountain Spurge

- Fragrant, white flowers cluster in a spike, above the toothed, beautifully patterned leaves.
- Semi-evergreen, spreading slowly with long rhizomes. 
- Makes an excellent ground cover for shady areas.



Growing Requirements & Size:

Evenly moist, rich soil in part to full shade. 10" tall.

Schizachyrium scoparium

'Prairie Blues'

Little Bluestem

- A true blue grass that loves heat and humidity!
- Fall foliage turns even deeper blue with burgundy red highlights, set off by soft silvery seed heads.
- A good food plant for many caterpillars.



Growing Requirements & Size:
Dry soil of low fertility, full sun,
3' tall.



Senecio aureus

Golden Ragwort

Sold as plugs!

- Cheerful yellow daisy-like blossoms light up the early spring shade garden and will also bloom in full sun, given adequate moisture.



- After the spring show, glossy evergreen basal rosettes slowly spread to make an attractive groundcover.

Growing Requirements & Size:
Moist to average soil, part sun-shade, 12-18" tall.

Sporobolus heterolepis

Pumpkin Grass



- A superb edging plant.
- Forms a magnificent fountain of fine textured emerald green leaves that turn a golden orange in fall.
- Tall “blooms” catch the light in late summer-fall and provide food for birds.

Growing Requirements & Size:
Average to dry soil, sun, 2 - 3' tall.

