

Water-Wise Gardens Plant Guide – Groundcover

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size (height)	Exposure	Bloom Time	Features
Bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	10 cm to 25 cm (4 in to 10 in)	Full sun	Spring	Purple and bronze leaves
Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	10 cm to 30 cm (4 in to 12 in)	Shade to partial shade	May to June	Good dried flower
Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria species</i>	10 cm to 30 cm (4 in to 12 in)	Full sun	May	Extremely drought-tolerant plant
Mugwort, Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia species</i>	35 cm to 45 cm (14 in to 18 in)	Sun to partial shade	August to frost	Edible bitter flowers
Basket of Gold, Gold Dust	<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i> 'Compacta'	20 cm to 30 cm (8 in to 12 in)	Full sun	April to June	Yellow flowers
Snow in Summer	<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	10 cm to 30 cm (4 in to 12 in)	Full sun to partial shade	May to June	Lovely white flowers
Lily of the Valley	<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	15 cm to 25 cm (6 in to 10 in)	Partial to full shade	May	Spreads readily
Crown Vetch	<i>Coronilla varia</i>	25 cm to 45 cm (10 in to 18 in)	Full sun	June to August	Spreads readily
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster species</i>	Up to 1 m (up to 3 ft)	Full sun	May to June	Beautiful fall colour
Sweet Woodruff	<i>Galium odoratum</i>	10 cm to 15 cm (4 in to 6 in)	Full to partial shade	May to June	Spreads readily
Perennial Candy Tuft	<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	30 cm (12 in)	Full sun	May to June	Great border plant
Yellow Archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	10 cm to 30 cm (4 in to 12 in)	Shade	May to June	Dry areas
Spotted Dead Nettle	<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	10 cm to 15 cm (4 in to 6 in)	Shade to partial shade	June to July	Spreads readily
Faassen's Catmint, Persian Ground Ivy	<i>Nepeta x faassenii</i>	20 cm to 30 cm (8 in to 12 in)	Full sun to partial shade	June to July	Will rebloom if cut back

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Knotweed	<i>Polygonum affinis</i>	15 cm (6 in)	Full sun	June to September	Tolerates poor, dry soil
Creeping Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla species</i>	15 cm (6 in)	Full sun	July to September	Well-drained soil
Hens and Chicks	<i>Sempervivum species</i>	2.5 cm to 7.5 cm (1 in to 3 in)	Sun	July	Loves it hot and dry
Lambs Ear	<i>Stachys species</i>	30 cm to 60 cm (12 in to 24 in)	Sun to partial shade	July	Lovely woolly, grey leaves
Speedwell	<i>Veronica species</i>	10 cm to 15 cm (4 cm to 6 in)	Sun to partial shade	May to June	Spreads readily
Periwinkle	<i>Vinca minor</i>	10 cm to 15 cm (4 in to 6 in)	Sun to partial shade	June to July	Spreads readily. Don't use in woodland areas.