

## Plants for Sunny, Dry Positions

Rockeries, walls and borders in full sun with well-drained soil.

*Acanthus mollis*, *A spinosus* (bear's breeches)

*Acinos alpinus*

*Agapanthus* (African lily)

*Allium* (flowering onion)

*Anthemis tinctoria*, varieties such as 'Sauce Hollandaise', 'Compacta', 'Kelwayi' and 'E C Buxton'

*Arabis alpina* ssp *caucasica*

*Armeria maritima* (thrift)

*Artemisia ludoviciana*, *A pontica*, *A stelleriana*

*Calamintha ascendens*, *C grandiflora*, *C nepeta* (calamint)

*Callistemon* (bottlebrush)

*Centaurea atropurpurea*, *C dealbata*, *C jacea*, *C montana*,  
*C ruthenica* (cornflower)

*Cistus* (many varieties, from compact shrubs to small trees)

*Dianthus* (pink and carnation)

*Dierama pulcherrimum* and others (angel's fishing rod)

*Digitalis ferruginea*, *D lutea*, *D obscura*, *D parviflora*  
(foxglove, perennial types)

*Echinacea purpurea* (prairie daisy)

*Eryngium* (sea holly)

*Erysimum* (wallflower)

*Euphorbia cyparissias*, *E myrsinites*, *E polychroma*,  
*E rigida* (spurge)

*Gaura lindheimeri* (not fully hardy)

*Geranium renardii*, *G sanguineum* (cranesbill)

*Gladiolus communis* ssp *byzantinus* (not fully hardy)

*Glaucium flavum* (horned poppy)

*Helianthemum* (rock rose)

*Iris* (bearded and some others)

*Lavandula angustifolia*, *L stoechas* and many hybrids (lavender)

*Linaria alpina*, *L dalmatica*, *L purpurea* (toadflax)

*Linum narbonense*, *L perenne* (flax)

*Lychnis coronaria*, *L viscaria* (campion)

*Nepeta x faassenii*, *N grandiflora*, *N longipes*, *N racemosa*, *N sibirica* (catmint)

*Phlomis fruticosa*, *P italica*, *P purpurea*, *P russeliana*, *P tuberosa* (Jerusalem sage)

*Potentilla atrosanguinea*, *P calabra*, *P megalantha*, *P rupestris* (cinquefoil)

*Salvia* (many, but not all; half-hardy ones especially)

*Santolina chamaecyparissus* (cotton lavender)

*Saxifraga* (saxifrage)

*Sedum* (stonecrop, and border varieties)

*Sempervivum* (houseleek)

*Silene alpestris*, *S laciniata*, *S regia*, *S schafta*, *S uniflora*

*Sisyrinchium*



*Stachys* (betony, lambs' ears; most, not *S palustris*)  
*Teucrium chamaedrys*, *T hircanicum*, *T x lucidrys*,  
*T scorodonia* (wall germander etc)  
*Verbascum* (mullein, many varieties)  
*Verbena bonariensis*  
*Zauschneria californica* (not fully hardy)

## Plants for Shade

More than half shade; those which can tolerate it dry are indicated.

*Acanthus mollis*, *A spinosus* (bear's breeches;  
fairly drought-tolerant)  
*Aconitum carmichaelii*, *A napellus* (monkshood)  
*Anemone canadensis*, *A x hybrida*, *A nemorosa*,  
*A ranunculoides*, *A sylvestris*  
*Arisarum proboscideum* (mouse plant)  
*Astrantia major* (many varieties)  
*Camellia*  
*Campanula trachelium*, *C grossekii* (bellflowers;  
can tolerate fairly dry conditions)  
*Cardamine heptaphylla*, *C pentaphylla*, *C quinquefolia*  
*Convallaria majalis* (lily-of-the-valley)  
*Dicentra formosa* and similar types  
*Digitalis purpurea* (foxglove)  
*Epimedium* (survives dryish conditions)  
*Euphorbia amygdaloides* (wood spurge)  
Ferns (many, a few will take dry soil, e.g. *Polypodium vulgare*)  
*Geranium x cantabrigiense*, *G endressii*, *G macrorrhizum*, *G nodosum*, *G x oxonianum*,  
*G phaeum* and others (cranesbill)  
*Helleborus foetidus*, *H x hybridus* and others  
*Horminum pyrenaicum*  
*Iris foetidissima* (Gladstone iris; tolerates dry soil)  
*Lamium orvala*  
*Lathyrus vernus* (spring pea)  
*Meconopsis betonicifolia*, *M grandiflora* and others (blue poppy)  
*Primula elatior* (oxlip)  
*Pulmonaria* (many excellent varieties)  
*Scutellaria altissima*  
*Strobilanthes attenuata*  
*Symphytum* 'Hidcote Blue', *S ibericum* (comfrey; tolerates dryish conditions)  
*Tellima grandiflora* (fringe cups)  
*Tricyrtis formosana*, *T hirta* (toad lily)  
*Trillium*  
*Veratrum*  
*Vinca major*, *V minor* (periwinkle; grow if you dare; but drought tolerant)

