

## MORE NATIVE GROUNDCOVERS

Botanical Name (Common Name)	Height/Spread (inches)	Description	Native Origin	USDA Hardiness, AHS Heat Zones
<i>Antennaria parvifolia</i> 'McClintock' (small-leaf pussytoes)	1–6/8–12+	Miniature selection makes a dense, silvery mat; full sun to light shade, good between paving	Great Plains, Mountain West, Southwest U.S.	3–10, 10–2
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> <i>×coloradoensis</i> (mock bearberry)	10–24/36–60	Natural hybrid, broadleaf evergreen foliage, tiny pink flowers in spring, red berries; best on sunny slopes	Western Colorado	4b–8, 8–4
<i>Asarum canadense</i> (wild ginger)	6–8/12–18	Rounded deciduous deep green leaves, purple-brown flowers: best in moist shade, good for woodland garden	New Brunswick to Georgia and Louisiana	2–8, 8–1
<i>Coreopsis palmata</i> (stiff coreopsis)	12–30/24	Arrow-shaped lobed leaves on erect stems topped with yellow daisylike flowers in summer; full sun, drought, heat, and humidity tolerant; spreads by rhizomes	Minnesota to Louisiana	4–8, 8–1
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i> (wintergreen)	6/24–36	Creeping shrublet with small, glossy, dark evergreen leaves, urn-shaped pink flowers in summer, scarlet fruit; spreads by rhizomes in moist shade, good for woodland gardens	Eastern North America	3–8, 8–1
<i>Iris cristata</i> (crested iris)	4–10/10–18	Broad lance-shaped leaves, spring flowers are blue-lilac with white patch and yellow crest; spreads rapidly by rhizomes to form dense patch in part sun to shade	Eastern U. S.	4–8, 8–3
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> (creeping juniper)	2–12/36–72	Prostrate needle leaf evergreen shrub, gray-green foliage, dark blue fruit; creates a low carpet in full sun	Widespread throughout North America	3–9, 9–1
<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i> (wild four-o'clock)	15–36/20–30	Sprawling perennial with lush green foliage and magenta, trumpet-shaped flowers from spring to fall, attracts hawk moths and hummingbirds; sun to part shade, drought tolerant	Southwest U.S. into California	6–10, 10–6
<i>Phlox stolonifera</i> (creeping phlox)	4–8/12–24	Mat-forming perennial with paddle-shaped leaves and clusters of fragrant lavender flowers in spring; spreads by stolons, full to part shade, good combined with spring bulbs	Pennsylvania to Ohio, south to Georgia	4–8, 8–3
<i>Tradescantia occidentalis</i> (western spiderwort)	10–24/24+	Straplike green leaves and hot pink summer flowers, full sun or light shade, spreads by rhizomes; tolerates poor soil, good to stabilize dry hillsides, attracts pollinators	Midwest, Great Plains and Southwest U.S.	3–9, 9–3



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