

### Invasive Ground Covers in Arlington & Alexandria

- Bishop's Weed/Goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria*)
- [Creeping Jenny](#) (*Lysimachia nummularia*)
- [English Ivy](#) (*Hedera helix*)
- [Japanese Pachysandra](#)/Spurge (*Pachysandra terminalis*)
- [Liriope](#)/Lilyturf (*Liriope spicata* & *L. muscari*)
- [Periwinkle](#) (*Vinca minor* & *V. major*)
- [Winter Creeper](#)/Creeping Euonymus (*Euonymus fortunei*)
- [Ajuga/Carpet Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*) - member of mint family; a problem when planted close to flower beds and lawns where it must constantly be removed]

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### Native Ground Covers for Sun

#### *Low-Growing Perennials (1 foot and under, from shortest to tallest)*

- Heath Aster 'Snow Flurry' (*Symphotrichum [Aster] ericoides* 'Snow Flurry')
- Moss Phlox (*Phlox subulata*)
- [Eastern Prickly Pear](#) (*Opuntia humifusa*)
- Plantain-leaved Pussytoes (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)
- [Wild Pink](#) (*Silene caroliniana*)
- Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*)

#### *Taller Perennials (1 foot or taller, from shortest to tallest)*

- Lyre-leaf Sage (*Salvia lyrata*)
- Robin's Plantain (*Erigeron pulchellus*) [biennial]
- Aromatic Aster (*Symphotrichum oblongifolium*)
- [Clustered Mountain-mint](#) (*Pycnanthemum muticum*)
- Partridge Pea (*Chamaecrista fasciculata*)
- [Threadleaf Coreopsis](#) (*Coreopsis verticillata*)
- [Goldenrods](#) (*Solidago* spp.)

#### *Grasses & Rushes*

- [Little Bluestem](#) (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
- Common or Soft Rush (*Juncus effusus*)
- [River Oats](#) (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)



### Woody Plants

- Creeping Juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis*)
- [Fragrant Sumac](#) (*Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Low')
- Shrubby St. John's-wort (*Hypericum prolificum*)
- [Redcedar](#) 'Grey Owl' (*Juniperus virginiana* 'Grey Owl')

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### Native Ground Covers for Sun to Shade

- Native Violets (*Viola sororia*, *V. pubescens*, *V. striata*)
- [Golden Ragwort](#) (*Packera aurea*)
- [Hairy Alumroot](#) (*Heuchera villosa* 'Autumn Bride')
- Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)

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### Native Ground Covers for Shade

#### Low-Growing Perennials (1 foot and under, from shortest to tallest)

- [Partridge-berry](#) (*Mitchella repens*)
- [Wild Stonecrop](#) (*Sedum ternatum*)
- Barren Strawberry (*Geum fragarioides*)
- [Wild Ginger](#) (*Asarum canadense*)
- [Dwarf Crested Iris](#) (*Iris cristata*)
- [Green-and-Gold](#) (*Chrysogonum virginianum*)
- Creeping Phlox (*Phlox stolonifera*)
- [Allegheny Spurge](#) (*Pachysandra procumbens*)
- [Foamflower](#) (*Tiarella cordifolia*)

#### Taller Perennials (1 foot and taller, from shortest to tallest)

- [Jacob's Ladder](#) (*Polemonium reptans*)
- [Mayapple](#) (*Podophyllum peltatum*)
- [White Wood Aster](#) (*Eurybia divaricata*)

#### Ferns

- [Christmas Fern](#) (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)
- Marginal Wood Fern (*Dryopteris marginalis*)
- [Ostrich Fern](#) (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)



## Native Ground Covers for Sun & Shade

### *Grasses & Sedges*

- [Pennsylvania Sedge](#) (*Carex pensylvanica*)
- Appalachian Sedge (*Carex appalachica*)
- [Plaintain-leaved Sedge](#) (*Carex plantaginifolia*)
- [Bottlebush Grass](#) (*Elymus hystrix*)

### *Woody Plants*

- Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

