



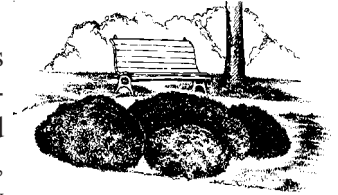
# J&L Garden Center

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## Groundcovers



Groundcovers are the practical plants in your yard. They help show off your gardens while helping to control erosion. Groundcovers create harmony in the yard by providing continuity from one garden to another. Groundcovers help reduce yard work by eliminating the need for constant mowing, cultivating and weeding. Groundcovers include all types of plants; grass, low-growing shrubs, perennial flowers, herbs, and vines. They can be evergreen or they may drop their leaves (deciduous). Choosing the right groundcover will make a big difference how well your yard looks all year long. Groundcovers can do much more than just "cover the ground".

### ***Aegopodium variegatum***

#### **BISHOP'S PLANT - SNOW ON THE MOUNTAIN**

Grows fourteen to eighteen inches tall. Extremely vigorous and spreads fast; may become weedy. Light green leaves edged with white. Likes cool shady areas with plenty of moisture. White flowers are unattractive and rise above foliage, remove as desired. Mow to ground if plants become unsightly.

### ***Ajuga reptans rubra***

#### **AJUGA - BUGLE WEED**

Grows 4" tall. Spreads well. Likes full sun or partial shade. Available with bronze leaves or green leaves. Has 6" blue flower spikes late spring. Burgundy Glow has variegated leaves with burgundy, creamy white and green. Likes plenty of moisture. Leaves die to ground in winter.

### ***Arabis caucasica***

#### **ROCK CRESS**

Low growing, spreading groundcover. Very similar to aubretia with larger leaves. Flowers available in white, pink, and varying shades of red to purple. Blooms in April. Excellent to use with spring bulbs and in perennial flower gardens.

### ***Arctostaphylos uva-ursi***

#### **KINNIKINNICK - BEARBERRY**

Low growing, carpet-like evergreen groundcover. Leaves turn purplish in fall. White or pink flowers followed by red fruit in fall. Grows in full sun or partial shade. Needs well drained soil; tolerates drought. Great for hillsides too steep for grass.

### ***Aubretia deltoide***

#### **AUBRETIA - PURPLE ROCK CRESS**

Low, spreading perennial groundcover. Blooms early April. Great for small hills or rock walls. Greyish-green leaves. Flowers range from red, reddish-purple to deep-purple. Colors will change with soil types, fertility and the acidity of the soil.

### ***Campsis radicans***

#### **TRUMPET VINE**

Fast growing vine that can be grown as a groundcover or as a climbing plant. Orange or yellow trumpet-shaped flowers in July. Extremely hardy; will grow with little or no care once established. Needs support to climb.

### ***Cerastium tomentosum***

#### **SNOW IN SUMMER**

Grows eight inches tall. Good for rock gardens or small hillsides. Greyish leaves with snow-white flowers in June. Drought tolerant; extremely tough and vigorous groundcover. Likes full sun.

### ***Ceratostigma plumbaginoides***

#### **PLUMBAGO**

Grows eight to twelve inches tall. Light-green leaves turn purplish in fall. Dark blue flowers from August through frost. Likes sun or partial shade. Likes plenty of water but not soggy conditions.

### ***Convallaria majalis***

#### **LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY**

Grows eight inches tall. Spreads rapidly. Likes shady areas. Large, dark green leaves. Fragrant white bell-shaped flowers early spring. Good cut flower.

### ***Cotoneaster horizontalis***

#### **ROCK COTONEASTER**

Good groundcover for hillsides where a deep rooted plant is needed. Grows 2 to 3 feet tall and spreads 10 to 15 feet. Small white flowers followed by small red berries in fall. Looks best when kept untrimmed. Fairly drought tolerant.

### ***Cotoneaster dammeri***

#### **BEARBERRY COTONEASTER**

Hardy evergreen groundcover. Deep rooted plant, great for natural hillsides. Tolerates some drought when established. Grows 6 to 12 inches tall and spreads 6 to 10 feet wide. White flowers followed by red berries in fall. Looks

best untrimmed.

### **Cotoneaster salicifolius**

#### **WILLOWLEAF COTONEASTER**

Evergreen groundcover. Narrow willow-like leaves. Fast growing. Likes partial shade or full sun. Do not let dry out during the winter. Grows 1 to 3 feet tall and spreads 8 to 10 feet wide. The more it is trimmed the taller it grows.

### **Dianthus deltoides**

#### **MAIDEN PINKS**

Very colorful mounding groundcover. Great for rock gardens or small areas. Fairly slow growing, 6 to 12 inches tall. Blooms in early summer and again in fall. Available in many colors.

**Dianthus ZING ROSE** Grows 6 to 10 inches tall. Dark rose-red flowers. Small green leaves turn bronze in fall.

**Dianthus TINY RUBIES** Grows 3 inches tall. Greyish leaves. Ruby-red flowers.

**Dianthus BRILLIANT** Grows 6 inches tall. Bright pink flowers Small bright green leaves.

### **Euonymus fortunei 'Coloradus'**

#### **WINTERCREEPER EUONYMUS**

Grows 18 inches tall. Has dark green leaves that turn purple in the winter. Like suns, shade or partial shade. Deep rooted groundcover. Nice evergreen plant. Plant 3 to 5 feet apart.

### **Euonymus fortunei 'Emerald Gaiety'**

#### **EMERALD GAIETY EUONYMUS**

Grows 12 to 18 inches tall. Colorful green leaves with white margins. The white margins turn purple during the winter. Grows well in sun or shade. May climb a wall up to 3 feet high. Plant 3 to 5 feet apart.

### **Galium odoratum**

#### **SWEET WOODRUFF**

Grows 8 to 12 inches tall. Plant 1 to 2 feet apart. Dark green, ferny leaves with white flowers in late spring. Likes full or partial shade, will tolerate full sun if kept moist. Leaves die to ground in winter. Often used as an herb. Likes moist areas best. Spreads quickly once established. Very easy to divide and propagate.

### **Hedera helix**

#### **ENGLISH IVY**

Fast growing vine, prune to keep under control. Good groundcover and climbs well, sometimes needs help to start climbing. Likes shade, partial shade but will tolerate full sun if kept moist, especially in winter.

### **Hedera Helix 'Baltica'**

#### **BALTIC ENGLISH IVY**

Fast growing, hardy variety of english ivy. Dark green leaves with whitish veins. Leaves turn purplish in winter. Likes shade, partial shade, or sun. Doesn't grow as fast as other varieties but is more cold hardy.

### **Hedera Helix 'Hahn's'**

#### **HAHN'S ENGLISH IVY**

Fast growing english ivy. Light green, pointed leaves. Middle leaf lobe is much longer than sides. Tolerates shade or sun. Climbs well. Tolerates winter if kept moist. Plant 1 to 3 feet apart.

### **Helianthemum nummularium**

#### **SUN ROSE**

Very colorful perennial groundcover. Grows 6 to 8 inches tall and spreads 2 to 3 feet. Likes full or partial sun; blooms better in full sun. Blossom lasts one day but blooms for 6 weeks; Late-May to July. Needs some protection in dry winters. Available in a wide array of colors. Trim heavily after blooming to promote fall bloom.

### **Hypericum calycinum**

#### **AARON'S BEARD, CREEPING ST. JOHN WORT**

Grows twelve inches tall. Very vigorous groundcover. Small green leaves on short stems. Large yellow flowers in May and June. Likes partial shade but will grow in light sun. Somewhat drought tolerant when established. Plant 1 to 2 feet apart. Competes well with roots

### **Houttynia**

#### **CHAMELEON PLANT**

Excellent groundcover for shade or sun. Tolerates wet soil conditions. Multicolored leaves, best leaf color in sun. Grows 8 inches tall. Plant 1 to 2 feet apart. Insignificant flowers in summer.

### **Juniperus horizontalis 'Wiltoni'**

#### **BLUE RUG JUNIPER**

Low growing juniper for cool, sunny areas; doesn't tolerate heat well. Fairly drought tolerant. Bluish needles turn purplish in winter. Grows 6 inches tall and spreads 6 to 10 feet wide. Plant 3 to 6 feet apart. Best on level areas but will grow on slopes with adequate moisture.

### **Juniperus sabina 'Buffalo'**

#### **BUFFALO JUNIPER**

Bright green juniper. Grows 12 inches tall and spreads 6 to 10 feet wide. Plant 3 to 6 feet apart. Very drought tolerant. Deep rooted, holds hills well. Best if left untrimmed. Similar to Tam but lower growing.

### **Juniperus sabina 'Broad-moor'**

#### **BROADMOOR JUNIPER**

Fast growing, mounding juniper. Grows 18 inches tall and spreads 6 to 10 feet wide. Plant 3 to 6 feet apart. Excellent groundcover, great for slopes. Deep rooted, drought tolerant. One of the prettiest junipers.

### **Juniperus sabina 'Tamariscifolia'**

#### **TAM JUNIPER**

Fast growing juniper. Grows 2 to 3 feet tall and spreads 6 to 10 feet wide. Excellent for steep slopes or for use as a foundation shrub. Very drought tolerant and hardy.

## **Lamium variegatum**

### **SILVER NETTLE - BEACON'S SILVER**

Grows twelve to fourteen inches tall. Light green leaves with white center. Very colorful foliage. Leaves turn purplish in fall and dies to ground in winter. Likes shade or partial shade. Lavender pink flowers in spring.

'White Nancy' has white flowers in spring.

## **Lonicera japonica 'Halliana'**

### **JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE**

Fast growing vine. Grows 2 to 3 feet tall and spreads 10 to 20 feet. Will also climb a fence or trellis. Tolerates poor soil. Drought tolerant when established. Fragrant white/yellow flowers spring and summer. Attracts bees. Evergreen but may drop leaves during severe winters. Very little if any maintenance other than trimming to maintain control.

## **Lonicera heckrottii**

### **CORAL HONEYSUCKLE**

Fast growing vine. Good for steep slopes or level areas. Grows 2 to 3 feet tall and will climb a trellis or fence. Spreads 10 to 20 feet. Fragrant coral-yellow to pink flowers in summer. Drought tolerant when established. Very pretty bluish-green leaves.

## **Lysimachia nummularia**

### **CREEPING JENNY**

Grows two inches tall and spreads fast. Small rounded leaves die to the ground in winter. Yellow buttercup flowers in July. Likes full sun or partial shade. Lysimachia 'Aurea' has small yellow rounded leaves instead of green leaves. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart. Good groundcover next to waterfalls or streams.

## **Mahonia repens**

### **CREEPING OREGON GRAPE**

Grows twelve inches tall. Spreads slowly. Has rounded, green, holly-like leaves that turn purplish in winter. Small yellow flowers in spring produce small purple grape-like berries late summer. Likes partial sun and shade. Plant 2 to 3 feet apart. Extremely hardy plants.

## **Pachysandra terminalis**

### **JAPANESE SPURGE**

Grows twelve inches tall. Requires moist, rich soil in a shady area. Dark green leaves with small white flowers. Leaves turn yellowish in sun. Evergreen groundcover. Plant 1 to 2 feet apart. Fertilize and water well.

## **Parthenocissus quinquefolia**

### **VIRGINIA CREEPER**

Fast growing vine or groundcover; climbs readily. Very colorful red leaves in fall. Clusters of 5 maple-like leaflets. Deep rooted vine, holds hills well. White berries in fall, birds love the berries and will plant new plants. May be invasive. Plant 8 to 10 feet apart.

## **Parthenocissus tricuspidata**

### **BOSTON IVY**

Fast growing vine that can be used as a groundcover. Very colorful red leaves in fall. Clusters of 3 maple-like leaves. Deep rooted vine, holds hills well. May be invasive. Plant 8 to 10 feet apart.

**BEVERLY BROOKS BOSTON IVY** Larger leaves than common Boston Ivy.

## **Phlox subulata**

### **CREEPING PHLOX**

Grows six to eight inches tall. Spreads slowly as a mound. Great for rock gardens. Blooms very early in the spring. Many varieties available in pink, blue, white and red: not available in deep purple. Likes full sun. Plant 2 to 4 feet apart. Flower color may vary according to soil type and fertility.

## **Polygonum aubertii**

### **SILVERLACE VINE**

Fast growing vine that can be used as a deep rooted groundcover. Climbs readily. Grows 2 to 3 feet tall and spreads 10 to 20 feet. Small heart-shaped leaves, 2 inches long. Stems are covered with white flower clusters from mid summer to fall. May be invasive if not trimmed. Plant 8 to 10 feet apart.

## **Potentilla verna**

### **CINQUEFOIL**

Grows two to four inches tall. Vigorous green strawberry-like leaves. Small yellow flowers bloom intermittently all summer. Likes partial sun or shade. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart.

## **Rosa varieties**

### **GROUNDCOVER ROSES**

Many varieties of roses make superb groundcovers. Many bloom all summer and require little or no maintenance. They are deep rooted and very colorful.

**'RALPH'S CREEPER'** Grows 2 to 3 feet tall and spreads 4 to 5 feet. Red flowers cover the plant in the summer.

**'JEEPERS CREEPERS'** Grows 2 feet tall and spreads 3 to 5 feet wide. White flowers in late spring.

## **Sedum spurium 'Dragon's Blood'**

### **DRAGON'S BLOOD SEDUM**

Grows four to six inches tall. Spreads fast, even in poor soil. Likes hot dry areas with full sun. Green foliage turns red in full sun. Do not over-water. Pink blossoms in June. Remove flowers when faded. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart.

## **Sedum Spurium 'Tricolor'**

### **TRICOLOR SEDUM**

Grows six to eight inches tall with a pink flower spike standing above foliage. Striking contrast in red, green and white leaves. Most colorful in full sun. Likes hot sunny areas with little water. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart.

*Sedum reflexum 'Blue Spruce'*

**BLUE SPRUCE SEDUM**

Grows six to eight inches tall. Yellow flowers in summer. Flowers stand above the foliage, remove when they fade. Bluish leaves resemble spruce needles. Likes hot, dry, sunny areas. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart.

*Sedum acre*

**UTAH SEDUM**

Grows two to four inches tall. Spreads fast. Small green leaves with small yellow flowers in June. Remove spent flowers to help plants look their best. Likes hot, sunny and dry areas. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart.

*Sedum brevifolium*

**STONE CROP SEDUM**

Grows two to four inches tall. Produces white flowers in June. Likes hot, sunny and dry areas. Spreads fast, even from small pieces left of ground. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart.

*Sedum globosum*

**OLD MAID'S CURL SEDUM**

Grows slowly to three or four inches tall. Likes hot, sunny areas with little or no water. Unusual twisted, globe-shaped leaves. Not as winter hardy as other varieties of sedum. Plant in protected areas 6 to 12 inches apart.

*Sagina subulata*

**IRISH MOSS**

Grows one to two inches tall. Needs adequate moisture and good soil. Likes cool sunny areas or semi-shady areas. Although this plant looks like moss, it is not a true moss and will not grow in soggy areas. It has dark green foliage. Small white flowers. Plant 6 inches apart.

*Sagina subulata 'aurea'*

**SCOTCH MOSS**

Very similar to Irish Moss but it has yellow foliage instead of the dark green. Likes cool, sunny areas or partial shade. Fertilize often. Plant 4 to 6 inches apart.

*Thymus praecox arcticus*

**MOTHER OF THYME**

Grows four to six inches tall. Small purplish flowers in June. Grows well between stepping stones or where a filler is needed. Small, dark-green, leaves, very fragrant when crushed. Likes full sun. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart.

*Thymus serpyllum 'Coccineus'*

**PINK THYME**

Similar to mother of thyme but flowers are darker pink or red. Leaves are very fragrant when crushed, often used as potpourri. Grows two to four inches tall. Likes full sun. Water often. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart.

*Thymus pseudolanuginosus*

**WOOLLY THYME**

Grows two inches tall. Small greyish leaves. Small pinkish flowers in summer. Use in rock crevices, between stones in walks, or where an attractive ground cover is desired. Tolerates heat well.

*Veronica repens*

**CREeping SPEEDWELL**

Grows two to four inches tall. Small shiny-green leaves. Blue spring flowers. Likes full sun or partial shade. Fast growing if watered and fertilized well. Plant 6 to 12 inches apart.

*Vinca minor*

**DWARF PERIWINKLE - VINCA MINOR**

Grows six to twelve inches tall. Spreads fast, can become a weed. Very hardy and one of the best groundcover for any area. Dark green leaves with small blue flowers in spring. Likes shade, partial shade, or full sun. Needs plenty of water in hot sun. Plant 1 to 2 feet apart.

*Vinca major*

**PERIWINKLE - VINCA MAJOR**

Grows eighteen to twenty four inches tall. Rapid grower, can become a weed. Dark green leaves with lavender flowers in the spring. Grows well in shade, partial shade or full sun. Needs plenty of moisture in full sun. Plant 1 to 2 feet apart.

*Vinca major 'Variegata'*

**VARIEGATED VINCA MAJOR**

Similar to vinca major but dark-green leaves have a white margin. Grows fast. Does not like full sun. Grows 18 to 24 inches tall. Plant 1 to 2 feet apart. Not as hardy as common vinca. Needs winter protection. Needs plenty of moisture, even in the winter.

*Viola odorata*

**SWEET VIOLETS**

Fast growing plant. Grows 12 inches tall. Plant 1 to 2 feet apart. Large green leaves. Fragrant purple flowers early in spring, also available in white. Likes complete shade but will tolerate some sun. Likes wet soil conditions. May spread into lawns or other undesired areas. Plant 1 to 2 feet apart.

*Viola odorata 'FRECKLES'* - has small white flowers with purples speckles.

