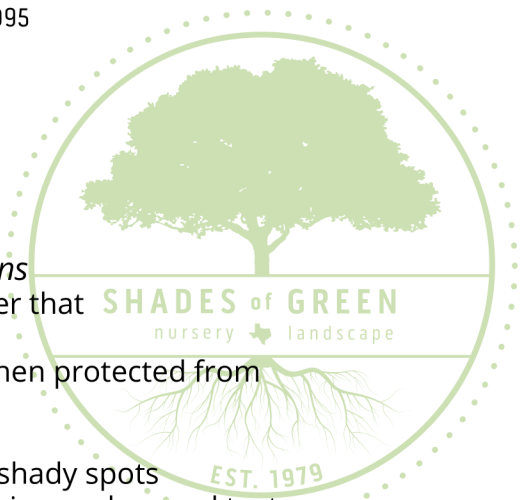


# Shades of Green's

## Great Groundcovers for North Texas



### **Ajuga / Bugleweed - *Ajuga Reptans***

- Evergreen, blooming groundcover that spreads quickly by runners
- Plant in part shade (does best when protected from afternoon summer sun)
- Prefers moist conditions
- Colorful foliage looks great in shady spots
- Available in a wide range of leaf sizes, colors and textures
- 3-6 inches tall and spreading
- Hardy in Zone 4-10

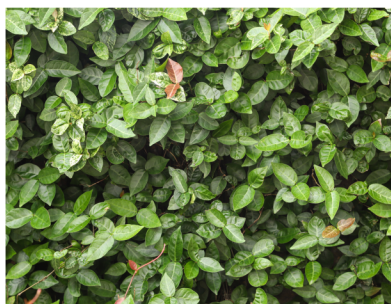
**Catlin's Giant, Chocolate Chip, Black Scallop, Bronze Beauty, Burgandy Glow & Mahogany** are popular cultivars.



### **Algerian Ivy - *Hedera canariensis***

& **Variegated Algerian Ivy - *Hedera canariensis 'Variegata'***

- Evergreen perennial climbing vine or groundcover
- Grow 8-12 inches tall and spreads/climbs 15-25 feet or more
- Plant in part to full shade
- Vigorous growing vine or ground cover that clings to tree trunks, walls, or fences with ease
- Hardy in Zone 8-11
- Typically evergreen, it is frost tender in North Texas



### **Asian Jasmine - *Trachelospermum asiaticum***

- Vigorous, sprawling, drought tolerant, evergreen vine forms a dense mat of foliage in sun or shade
- Grows 8-10 inches tall and spreads 6-10 feet
- Hardy in Zone 7-11

**Snow N Summer** (*Trachelospermum asiaticum 'Snow N Summer'*) & **Summer Sunset** (*Trachelospermum asiaticum 'Summer Sunset'*) are two popular varieties with variegated/colored foliage. They tend to only spread 2-3 feet and make great "spillers" in container plantings.

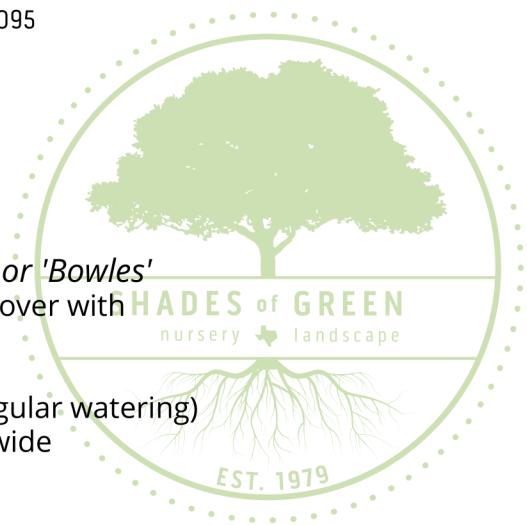


### **Carex / Sedge - *Carex spp.***

- Fast growing, evergreen, grass-like groundcover with narrow leaves & graceful weeping habit
- Plant in full to part shade
- Grows 8-24 inches tall x 12-24 inches, but can vary considerably depending on cultivar
- A wide range of cultivars are available
- Provides a nice color contrast in shade gardens
- Hardy in Zone 4-9

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### **Common Periwinkle - *Vinca minor* 'Bowles'**

- Evergreen, shade-loving groundcover with lavender flowers in spring
- Plant in full to part shade
- NOT drought tolerant (needs regular watering)
- Grows 4-6 inches tall x 3-5 feet wide
- Hardy in Zone 6-9



### **English Ivy - *Hedera helix***

- Evergreen perennial – Zone 4-9
- Grows 6-8 inches tall and spreads 2-3 feet or more
- Plant in full sun to full shade
- Green foliage year-round
- Use as groundcover, climbing vine, or houseplant
- Can be very aggressive in the landscape



### **Variegated English Ivy - *Hedera helix* 'Variegata'**

- Evergreen perennial – Zone 4-10
- Grows 6-8 inches tall and spreads 2-3 feet or more
- Plant in full sun to full shade
- Attractive creamy white-variegated green foliage
- Use as groundcover, climbing vine, or houseplant



### **Horseherb - *Calyptocarpus vialis***

- Native Texas perennial groundcover
- 4-6 inches tall x 1-2 feet wide
- Plant in part sun to full shade
- Long blooming - with tiny yellow flowers in spring and summer
- Drought tolerant
- Evergreen in mild winters
- Also called **Straggler Daisy**
- Hardy in Zone 8-11



### **Big Blue Liriope / Lily Turf - *Liriope muscari* 'Big Blue'**

- Pronounced "lir-RYE-oh-pee"
- Clumping, evergreen groundcover with lavender flower spikes
- Plant anywhere from full sun to full shade
- Cut back in late February & fertilize for new growth
- Grows 12-15 inches tall & wide
- Hardy in Zone 5-11



# Shades of Green's

## Great Groundcovers for North Texas



### **Giant Liriope / Lily Turf** - *Liriope muscari 'Gigantea'*

- Pronounced "lir-RYE-oh-pee"
- Clumping, grass-like, evergreen, perennial groundcover that doesn't spread
- Plant anywhere from full sun to full shade
- Violet purple flowers rise above arching, glossy leaves
- Grows 2 feet tall & wide
- Hardy in Zone 5-11



### **Variegated Liriope / Lily Turf** - *Liriope muscari 'Variegata'*

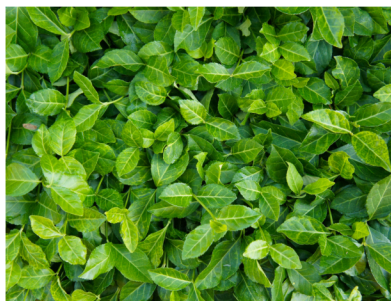
- Dark lavender flower spikes in summer
- Slow-spreading, evergreen groundcover
- Plant anywhere from full sun to full shade
- 12-15 inches tall & wide
- Hardy in Zone 6-11



### **Mondo Grass** - *Ophiopogon japonicus*

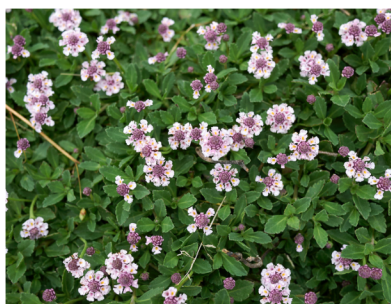
### & **Dwarf Mondo Grass** - *Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nana'*

- Low maintenance, evergreen, drought tolerant, ornamental grass hardy in Zone 6-11
- Plant in full to part shade (will not take afternoon sun in a Texas summer)
- **Mondo** grows 12 inches tall and spreads up to 12 inches wide by rhizomes
- **Dwarf Mondo** grows 3-4 inches tall & spreads slowly up to 6-8 inches wide



### **Purple Wintercreeper** - *Euonymus fortunei 'Coloratus'*

- Spreading, evergreen groundcover
- Dark green leaves turn purple in fall and winter
- Plant anywhere from full sun to full shade
- Grows 12-18 inches tall x 2-4 feet wide
- Drought tolerant once established
- Hardy in Zone 4-9

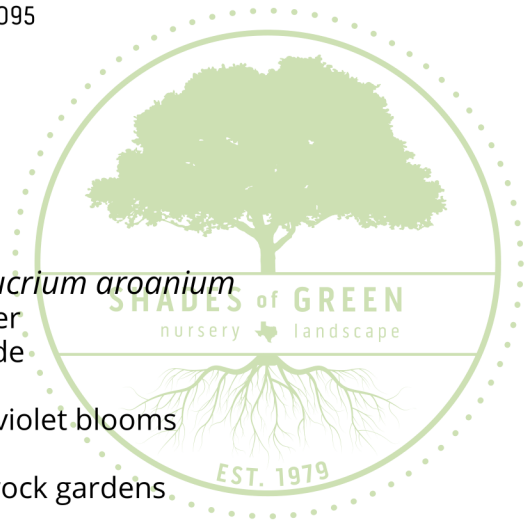


### **Texas Frogfruit** - *Phyla nodiflora*

- Native Texas perennial groundcover that spreads vigorously
- Evergreen in warm years and areas protected from frost
- 3-6 inches tall x 1-3 feet wide
- Plant in full sun to part shade
- Small white flowers bloom spring to fall
- Also called **Turkey Tangle Frogfruit**
- Hardy in Zone 7-11

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### **Creeping Gray Germander** - *Teucrium aroanium*

- Evergreen perennial groundcover
- 2-4 inches tall x 18-24 inches wide
- Plant in full sun or part sun
- Gray foliage with fragrant, rosy-violet blooms spring through fall
- Great choice for xeriscaping or rock gardens.
- Drought tolerant
- Hardy in Zone 5-10



### **Creeping Jenny** - *Lysimachia nummularia 'Aurea'*

- Herbaceous perennial – Zone 3-9
- 3-5 inches tall x 18 inches wide
- Use as groundcover or “spiller” in pots
- Plant in full sun to full shade
- Can tolerate wet soil and shallow, rocky soil
- Also called **Golden Moneywort**



### **Woolly Stemodia** - *Stemodia lanata, Stemodia tomentosa*

- Native Texas herbaceous perennial groundcover – Zone 8-11
- Grows 6 inches tall x 3 feet wide
- Plant in full to part sun
- Prefers dry, well-drained soils
- VERY heat & drought tolerant
- Almost insignificant tiny lavender / white flowers bloom spring to fall