## Plant Database - Groundcovers

### Groundcovers by Scientific Name

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| *Ajuga reptans*       | Ajuga: Bugleweed    | • Size: low (foliage 2”); floral spikes 6 to 8” tall  
• Culture: partial sun to shade; requires constant moisture in Arkansas |
| *Euonymus fortunei*   | Wintercreeper Euonymus | • Size: 12 to 15” tall  
• Culture: sun to partial sun; fairly tolerant of soils  
• Deep maroon winter leaf color (broadleaf evergreen) |
| *Hedera helix*        | English Ivy         | • Size: groundcover 8 to 10” tall; broadleaf evergreen vine or ground cover  
• Culture: sun or shade; fairly tough  
• Adult plant has flowers and fruit  
• Climbs by root-like holdfasts  
• Many cultivars  
• Considered invasive weed in some parts of U.S. |
| *Liriope muscari*     | Liriope             | • Size: 12’ tall; some cultivars shorter or taller  
• Exposure: sun to shade; tough groundcover  
• Flower spikes purple or white  
• Cultivars: 'Big Blue', 'Majestic', 'Variegata' |
| *Ophiopogon japonicus*| Mondograss           | • Size: 6 to 8” tall (shorter than Liriope [Liriope muscari] )  
• Exposure: partial sun to shade; requires more moisture than Liriope  
• Narrow leaves usually a dark green  
• Slightly less hardy than Liriope  
• Flowers usually hidden in foliage |
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| *Pachysandra terminalis* | Pachysandra | • Size: 8 to 10" tall  
• Culture: shade; requires constant moisture in Arkansas  
• White flowers not significant |
| *Trachelospermum asiaticum* | Japanese Star Jasmine | • Size: 12" tall  
• Culture: sun to partial sun; tolerant of most soils  
• Best in cold hardiness zones 7 and 8  
• Broadleaf evergreen groundcover, leaves very glossy, dark green |
| *Vinca Major*          | Bigleaf Vinca | • Size: 12" tall  
• Culture: shade to partial sun  
• Misc: variegated selections more common than green leaf forms. |
| *Vinca minor*          | Vinca       | • Size: 8" tall  
• Culture: partial sun to shade; not as tough as [Bigleaf Vinca](#) (V. major).  
• 1" flowers, blue/purple or white |

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