

## Shade Plants for Craven County and Thereabouts

### Key

1. Light, filtered shade all day (as found under tall pines), or full sun for only part of the day and filtered shade for the remainder.
2. Medium shade - Only a few hours of direct sun each day, or under a light to moderate shade canopy all day.
3. Heavy shade - Under a moderate to dense shade canopy all day.

Number ratings refer to the amount of shade the plant species will tolerate with good results; many of these plants will also do well in full sun. Drought, poor drainage, compacted soil or other site problems may reduce shade tolerance for some species.

### **Trees**

*Aesculus pavia* - 1-2

*Chionanthus virginicus* - White fringetree 1-2

*Cornus florida* - White flowering dogwood\* 1-2

*Ilex opaca* - American Holly 1-2

*Magnolia virginiana* - Sweetbay magnolia 1-2

*Sabal palmetto* - Cabbage palm 1-2

*Symplocos tinctoria* - Horse-sugar 1-2

*Trachycarpus fortunei* - Windmill palm 1-2

*\*Flowering of trees, shrubs and other plants can be greatly reduced or even eliminated in heavy shade.*

### **Shrubs**

*Abelia x grandiflora* - Glossy abelia 1-2

*Aucuba japonica* - Japanese aucuba 2-3

*Bambusa multiplex* - Hedge bamboo 1-2

*Buxus microphylla* - Littleleaf boxwood 1-2

*Camellia japonica* - Japanese camellia 1-2

*Camellia sasanqua* - Sasanqua camellia 1-2

*Cephalotaxus harringtonia* - Japanese plum yew 1-2  
*Clethra alnifolia* - Summersweet clethra 1-2  
*Danae racemosa* - Alexandrian-laurel 2-3  
*Daphne odora* - Winter daphne 1-2  
*x Fatshedera lizei* - Fatshedera 2-3  
*Fatsia japonica* - Japanese fatsia 2-3  
*Kerria japonica* - Japanese kerria 2-3  
*Hamamelis* spp. - Witchhazel 1-2  
*Hydrangea macrophylla* - Bigleaf hydrangea 1-2  
*Hydrangea quercifolia* - Oakleaf hydrangea 1-2

*Ilex glabra* - Inkberry 1-2  
*Ilex vomitoria* - Yaupon Holly 1-3  
*Illicium parviflorum* - Small Anise-tree 1-2  
*Itea virginica* - Virginia Sweetspire 1-2  
*Loropetalum chinense* - Chinese Fringeflower 1-2  
*Mahonia bealii* - Leatherleaf Mahonia 2-3  
*Michelia figo* - Banana Shrub 1-2  
*Myrica cerifera* - Waxmyrtle 1-2  
*Nandina domestica* - Nandina 2-3  
*Pittosporum tobira* - Pittosporum 2-3  
*Rhododendron* spp. - Azalea 1-2  
*Ruscus aculeatus* - Butcher's Broom 2-3

### **Groundcovers and vines**

*Ajuga reptans* - Carpet Bugle 1-2  
*Ardesia japonica* - Japanese Ardisia 2-3  
*Chasmanthium latifolium* - Northern Sea oats 1  
*Gelsemium sempervirens* - Carolina Jessamine 1-2  
*Hedera helix* - English Ivy 2-3  
*Liriope muscari* - Liriope 2-3  
*Mitchella repens* - Partridgeberry 2-3

*Ophiopogon japonicus* - Dwarf Mondo Grass 1-2

*Saxifraga stolonifera* - Strawberry Begonia 1-3

*Vinca minor* - Common Periwinkle 1-2

### **Perennials, bulbs, etc.**

*Amsonia tabernaemontana* - Blue Star Flower 1-2

*Aquilegia canadensis* - Eastern Columbine 1-2

*Arum italicum* 'Pictum' - 'Pictum' Italian Arum 1-3

*Asarum* spp. - Wild ginger 2-3

*Aspidistra elatior* - Cast-iron plant 2-3

*Astilbe chinensis* 'Vision' 1-2

*Athyrium nipponicum* - Japanese Painted Fern 1-3

*Baptisia alba* - White Wild Indigo 1-2

*Bletilla striata* - Hardy Orchid; Hyacinth Bletilla 1-2

*Caladium x hortulanum* - Caladium 1-2

*Chrysogonum virginianum* - Green and Gold 1-2

*Cyrtomium falcatum* - Holly Fern 2-3

*Dicentra eximia* - Bleeding Heart 2

*Dryopteris erythrosora* - Autumn Fern 1-2

*Euphorbia robbiae* (syn. *E. amygdaloides* Var. *robbiae*) 1-2

*Hedychium* spp. - Ginger Lily 1-2

*Helleborus* spp. - Hellebore 1-2

*Hemerocallis* spp. - Daylily 1

*Heuchera americana* - American Alumroot 1-2

*Hosta* spp. - Hosta 2-3

*Iris siberica* - Siberian Iris 1

*Lobelia cardinalis* - Cardinal Flower 1-2

*Myosotis scorpioides* - Forget-Me-Not 1-2

*Osmunda regalis* - Royal Fern 1-3

*Phlox divaricata* - Woodland Phlox 1-2

*Polygonum odoratum* - Fragrant Solomon's Seal 1-3  
*Polystichum acrostichoides* - Christmas fern 2-3  
*Rohdea japonica* - Sacred Lily 2-3  
*Rudbeckia* spp. - Coneflower 1  
*Salvia gregii* - Texas Sage 1  
*Spigelia marilandica* - Indian Pink, Pinkroot 1-2  
*Tricyrtis formosana* (syn. *Tricyrtis stolonifera*) - Formosa Toad-Lily 1-2  
*Zephyranthes candida* - Rain Lily 1-2

### **Annuals**

*Begonia* spp. - Begonia 1-2  
*Cleome hassleriana* - Cleome, spiderflower 1-2  
*Coleus* spp. (seed grown) - Coleus 1-2  
*Cosmos* spp. - Cosmos 1-2  
*Dicliptera* spp. (formerly *Justicia*; possibly a short-lived perennial in Craven Co.) 1  
*Digitalis* spp. - Foxglove 1-2 (perennial, best grown as an annual in Craven Co.?)  
*Hypoestes* spp. 2-3  
*Impatiens* spp. - Impatiens 2-3  
*Torenia* spp. - Wishbone flower 1

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