

Rare, Unusual and Underused Ground Covers and How to Use Them

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Phoenix Perennials

Richmond, BC

For Sun

Acaena inermis 'Purpurea', *A. saccaticupula* 'Blue Haze' – New Zealand Burr

Alchemilla ellenbeckii – Creeping Lady's Mantle

Anthemis marschalliana – Filigree Daisy

Azorella trifurcata 'Nana' – Cushion Bolax

Callirhoe involucrata – Wine Cups

Erodium reichardii 'Album', *E. x variabile* 'Bishop's Form' – Heronsbill

Geranium 'Ann Folkard', 'Pink Spice' – Cranesbill

Packera aurea – Golden Groundsel

Symphotrichum (*Aster*) *ericoides* var. *prostratum* 'Snow Flurry' – Heath Aster

Viola walteri 'Silver Gem' – Prostrate Blue Violet

For Hot Dry Areas

Achillea tomentosa – Woolly Yarrow

Ceanothus pumilus, *C. griseus* var. *horizontalis* 'Diamond Heights', 'Yankee Point' – California Lilac

Cotula hispida – Silver Cotula

Delosperma Orange Granita, Jewel of Desert Garnet, Lavender Ice, Alan's Apricot – Iceplant

Epilobium/Zauschneria Orange Carpet – California Fuchsia

Eriogonum allenii 'Little Rascal', *E. umbellatum* var. *aureum* 'Kannah Creek' – Buckwheat

Monardella macrantha 'Marian Sampson' – Scarlet Monardella

Opuntia humifusa, *O. fragilis* – Eastern Prickly Pear, Brittle Prickly Pear

Origanum 'Bellissimo', 'Kiragami', 'Kent Beauty' – Ornamental Oregano

Penstemon pinifolius 'Mersea Yellow', 'Sunset Glow' – Pineleaf Penstemon

Pterocephalus depressus – Moroccan Pincushion Flower

Sedum palmeri, *forsterianum* 'Antique Grill', *S. tetractinum* 'Coral Reef' – Stonecrop

Sedum Sunsparkler 'Wildfire', 'Dream Dazzler'; Atlantis – Stonecrop

Tanacetum densum subsp. *amani* – Partridge Feather

For Shade

Achlys triphylla – Vanilla Leaf

Adiantum venustum – Himalayan Maidenhair Fern

Cardamine quinquefolia, *C. trifolia* – Cuckoo Flower, Trifoliate Bittercress

Ajuga reptans Feathered Friends – Bugleweed

Anemone nemorosa 'Vestal', 'Allenii', 'Green Fingers' – Windflower

Anemone ranunculoides 'Pleniflora' – Yellow Wood Anemone
Asarum europaeum, *A. caudatum*, *A. splendens* – Wild Ginger
Asters for Shade: *Eurybia* (*Aster*) *divaricata*, *Symphyotrichum* (*Aster*) *cordifolius* – Aster
Beesia deltophylla – Beesia
Corydalis lutea, *C. ochroleuca*, *C. solida*, *C. scouleri* – Fumewort
Cyclamen hederifolium – Ivy-Leaved Hardy Cyclamen
Cypripedium formosanum – Formosa Lady's Slipper Orchid
Maianthemum dilatatum – False Lily of the Valley
Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nanus' – Dwarf Mondo Grass
Oxalis oregana 'Klamath Ruby', *O. magellanica* – Sorrel
Pachysandra terminalis, *P. procumbens*, *P. axillaris* 'Windcliff Fragrant' – Spurge
Sedum ternatum – Woodland Stonecrop
Trachystemon orientalis – Early Flowering Borage
Vancouveria hexandra – Inside-Out Flower

For Wet Areas

Chrysosplenium davidianum, *C. macrophyllum* – Golden Saxifrage
Equisetum scirpoides – Dwarf Horsetail
Gunnera magellanica, *monoica*, *prorepens* – Creeping Gunnera

The Complete Book of Ground Covers

4000 Plants that Reduce Maintenance, Control Erosion, and
Beautify the Landscape

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