

Chartreuse Foliage

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Give your garden a pop of chartreuse foliage and it can brighten up the darkest of days. Chartreuse is a color named after a drink. It is a electric color blend of yellow & green and is named after the Chartreuse liqueur made by monks and contains 130 plants. A garden with shade is the perfect place to highlight the uniqueness of chartreuse; it will brighten up any area.



Sun King aralia (*Aralia cordata* 'Sun King') Perennial Plant of the Year for 2020 gives the appearance of a shrub as it grows to four feet tall. The plant's stature combined with its coarse leaves provide a tropical feel while illuminating dark areas of the garden. Part shade gives the best color, but this plant will also take full shade, though the leaves will be a darker shade of green.



'Gold Heart' and 'White Gold' bleeding heart bring life to the early-season garden as they quickly grow to three feet. The pink flowers of 'Gold Heart' are eye-catching against its chartreuse foliage; as are the pure white blooms of 'White Gold'. Both have similar growth habits, reaching two to three feet tall and not quite as wide. They please the eye when planted in groups or singly. For companion plants, consider other shade lovers like goatsbeard (*Aruncus dioicus*),

bugbane (*Actaea racemosa*) and even the aforementioned aralia.



Japanese Forest Grass (*Hakonechloa macra*) A stunning ground cover, with its arching and graceful form mounds to about 12 inches tall and 18 inches wide. 'Aureola', has yellow leaves that are edged with a narrow stripe of green, and 'All Gold', which emerges brassy in spring but will take on more lime tones as the trees leaf out. To maximize the

color and take advantage of the hakonechola's texture, which is somewhat unique amid shade plants, consider a mass planting. The narrow, arching foliage allows this plant to look good with any other shade plant, and it especially suits Asian-style and woodland gardens and around the edge of ponds.



'Twist of Lime' Heuchera This 8- to 12-inch rounded selection glows in the shade and looks good with other groundcovers as well as annuals like Torenia & Begonias. Another variety is Heucherella 'Spicy Lime' Leaves are a bright lime-green with reddish-purple margins and splotches at the center. They resemble maple leaves in shape. Heucherella plants are crosses between species of the genus Tiarella and the genus

Heuchera.



Wasabi Coleus will add some zing to your garden with the bright, cheerful foliage. Adapting to sun or shade, and mesmerizing to look at with its chartreuse, deeply lobed leaves, this handsome coleus is an excellent choice for mixed containers on the patio, or any spot in the landscape that needs a kick of color.

