



GROUNDCOVERS FOR SHADE

Chapter 22 in the MNLA Manual - FieldU 2023

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Aegopodium podagraria - Snow-on-the-Mountain, Goutweed

Family: Apiaceae

Tolerates drought and heavy shade

Can get sunscald

Can be aggressive



Asarum canadensis – Wild
Ginger

Family: Aristolochiaceae

6" H, 18" W

Native groundcover

Does well in shade

Fuzzy, heart shaped leaves

Flowers bloom underneath their foliage, laying
on the ground to be pollinated by ants.



Convallaria majalis – Lily-of-the-Valley

Family: Asparagaceae

Fragrant flowers in spring

Super tough, tolerates heavy shade,
deer, rabbits, drought.

Persistent foliage, susceptible to
sunscald



Galium odoratum – Sweet
Woodruff

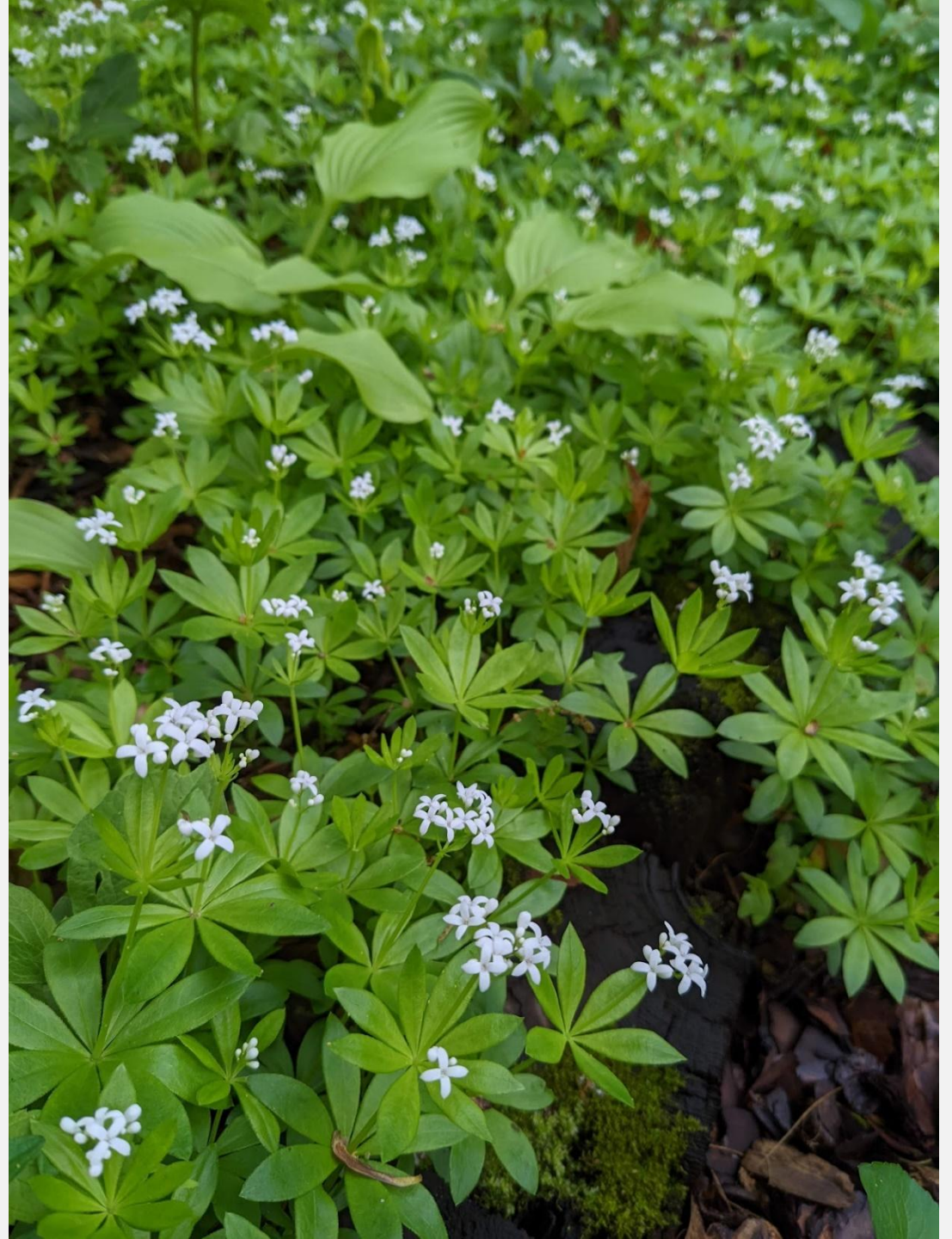
Family: Rubiaceae

Needs adequate moisture

Shade to heavy shade

Sweet smelling blooms

If in too much sun, will die back by
midsummer



Lamium maculatum - Dead
Nettle

Family: Lamiaceae

Cute blooms in early summer

A lot of variation in the leaf color

Can be aggressive and invasive, seeds
and spreads by rooting stems



Pachysandra terminalis -
Japanese Spurge

Family: Buxaceae

Tolerates deep shade, critters

Spreads rhizomatically



Vinca minor - Periwinkle

Family: Apocynaceae

Cute blue-purple blooms

Glossy green foliage on long, trailing
stems that root and spread

Full sun to full shade, needs well draining
rich soil to establish in deep shade

