



GROUNDCOVERS FOR SUN

Chapter 22 in the MNLA Manual

FORMAT

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Ajuga - Bugleweed

Family: Lamiaceae

Showy flowers, neat foliage

Not attractive to critters

Does well in part shade



Brunnera macrophylla – False
Forget-Me-Not

Family: Boraginaceae (borage)

12-16", clump forming slowly spreads via
rhizomes

Tiny blue flowers in spring, needs
deadheading after bloom to neaten
appearance

HSG – we don't consider this a ground
cover, we treat it as a clump forming
perennial like *Heuchera* (Coral bells)



Coreopsis verticillate –
Tickseed

Family: Asteraceae

6-10"

Fine foliage persists after blooms

Slowly spreads to form dense mats

Deadhead to neaten appearance

Does well in hot, dry spots



Dianthus var. - Pinks

Family: Caryophyllaceae

4-6"

Serrated flowers are distinct

Needs full sun, well drained soil

Deadhead for second bloom, not as
profuse



Lysimachia nummulari - Golden
Lysamachia, Creeping Jenny

Family: Primulaceae

Very low growing, spreads through
rooting stems

Chartreuse in shade, golden in sun

Slug damage is common



Phlox subulata – Creeping
Phlox

Family: Polemoniaceae

3-5" H, 2' W

Needs well-drained soil

Fluff its growth throughout the season
to prevent matting and die-back



Sedum var. – Creeping Sedums

Family: Crassulaceae

Hardy, tolerant of drought and poor soils

Great in rock gardens

Cultivated varieties in myriad of colors

[S. 'Dazzleberry'](#)

[S. 'Firecracker'](#)



Thymus praecox - Creeping
Thyme

Family: Lamiaceae

Tiny blooms, fragrant foliage

Tolerates dry and poor soils

