

# Gardening on a Slope

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**Long steep unstable or potentially unstable slopes are a professional job.**

**Unstable or potentially unstable slopes near structures are a professional job.**

**It is always better, if in doubt, to have a professional evaluate the slope.**

## Things to consider:

### Stability

Are there signs of soil erosion?

Are there indications of slides?

Is there existing vegetation and how long has it been there?

### Grade

Can you walk on the slope?

Can wheelbarrows and tools be carried onto the slope?

Can the weeds be managed until the plants are established?

### Soil/ Drainage

What kind of soil is there? (sandy, clay, rocky?)

Is it the same throughout the slope?

Is there any seeping water?

Is there any sign of excess moisture on the slope during the year?

### Light

How much direct sunlight does the slope receive?

### Plants

Can the plants be watered?

Add plants for a variety of root structures.

Create a varying canopy levels.

# Plants for Sloped Site

Plants marked with \* are drought tolerant once established

## Sunny Sites

### Trees

Acer circinatum  
Acer tataricum ssp. ginnala\*  
Arbutus 'Marina'\*  
Arbutus menziesii\*  
Malus toringo ssp. sargentii  
Calocedrus decurrens\*  
Chamaecyparis nootkatensis\*

Cornus kousa  
Cornus mas  
Parrotia persica\*  
Picea omorika  
Picea orientalis  
Trachycarpus fortunei \*  
Tsuga mertensiana\*

### Shrubs

Abelia  
Arbutus unedo\*  
Arctostaphylos sp.\*  
Brachyglotis 'Sunshine'  
Ceanothus cvs.\*  
Cistus cvs.\*  
Cornus alba and stolonifera cvs.\*  
Cotinus cvs.\*  
Cotoneaster sp.  
Deutzia gracilis 'Nikko'  
Elaeagnus pungens and ebbingei  
Euonymus fortunei  
Fothergilla  
Grevillea\*  
Hebe cvs.  
Heptacodium miconiodes  
Hibiscus syriacus  
Ilex crenata  
Laurus nobilis\*  
Lespedeza sp.  
Lithocarpus densiflorus var. echinoids  
Lonicera nitida 'Baggesen's Gold'  
Lonicera pileata

Mahonia sp.\*  
Myrica californica\*  
Olearia sp.\*  
Philadelphus\*  
Physocarpus \*  
Podocarpus nivalis\*  
Rhamnus californica\*  
Rhamnus frangula 'Aspleniifolia'\*  
Rhus sp.\*  
Ribes sanguineum\*  
Rosa sp.  
Rubus pentalobus  
Salix nakamuraana yezo-alpina  
Salix purpurea\*  
Salix repens var. argentea\*  
Sambucus cvs.\*  
Symphoricarpus albus\*  
Syringa meyeri 'Palibin'  
Taxus baccata 'Repandens'  
Vaccinium ovatum\*  
Viburnum tinus\*  
Vitex agnus-castus

## **Perennials**

Acanthus sp.  
Achillea tomentosa  
Agapanthus cvs.\*  
Aster modestus  
Ballota\*  
Baptisia australis\*  
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides  
Cortaderia selloana 'Pumila' (grass)\*  
Dryas integrifolia  
Eriophyllum lanatum  
Festuca ovina var. glauca\*  
Fuchsia magellanica  
Geranium macrorrhizum  
Helichrysum tianshanicum\*  
Helictotrichon sempervirens (grass)\*  
Knopfia cvs.  
Lavandula cvs.\*  
Molinia caerulea (grass)  
Muhlenbergia rigens (grass)\*  
Oenothera (spreading species)\*  
Panicum virgatum (grass)\*  
Parahebe cataractae\*  
Perovskia atriplifolia\*  
Phygelius  
Phlomis sp.\*  
Rosmarinus officinalis\*  
Rhodanthemum hosmariense\*  
Romneya coulteri\*  
Stipa gigantea (grass)\*  
Yucca sp.\*  
Zauschneria sp.\*

## Shady Sites

### **Trees**

Acer circinatum\*  
Acer macrophyllum 'Kimballiae'\*  
Cornus kousa  
Cornus mas\*  
Parrotia persica\*  
Trachycarpus fortunei \*

### **Shrubs**

Cornus alba and stolonifera cvs.\*  
Euonymus fortunei  
Lonicera nitida 'Baggesen's Gold'  
Mahonia sp.  
Myrica californica\*  
Podocarpus nivalis\*  
Rhododendron macrophyllum\*  
Rubus pentalobus  
Sarcococca  
Symphoricarpus albus\*  
Taxus baccata 'Repandens'  
Vaccinium ovatum\*  
Viburnum tinus\*  
Fuchsia magellanica

### **Perennials**

Actaea rubra  
Asarum caudatum  
Burnnera macrophylla  
Dryopteris affinis 'Barnesii' (fern)  
Dryopteris x complexa 'Stableri' (fern)  
Fuchsia magellanica  
Epimedium 'Black Sea'\*  
Epimedium perralderianum\*  
Epimedium pinnatum ssp. colchicum\*  
Epimedium x perralchicum\*  
Epimedium x rubrum\*  
Epimedium x versicolor\*  
Epimedium x warleyense\*

Gymnocarpium dryopteris (fern)  
Helleborus x hybridus  
Hosta cvs.  
Luzula sylvatica (grass)  
Osmunda regalis (fern)  
Oxalis oregana\*  
Polygonatum sp.  
Polystichum munitum (fern)\*  
Polystichum setiferum (fern)\*  
Smilacina racemosa\*  
Tolmiea menziesii\*  
Trachystemon orientalis\*  
Vancouveria hexandra\*