Steppable Ground Covers

Achillea millefolium (common yarrow): native, 2’ bloom height, sun to part shade, medium water needs, drought tolerant, heavy traffic, mowable, can be invasive

Ajuga reptans (bugleweed): adapted, 6” height, spreading, drought tolerant, medium water needs, moderate traffic, tolerates deep shade, easy to transplant

Cerastium tomentosum (snow in summer): adapted, 6” - 1’ height, sun, low water needs, drought tolerant, light traffic, rapid growth

Fragaria virginiana (mountain strawberry): native, 6”-1’ height, medium water needs, light traffic, spreading, rapid growth, white flowers in spring, easy to transplant

Herniaria glabra (green carpet): adapted, 1’ height, sun to shade, low water needs, drought tolerant, heavy traffic

Leptinella squalida (New Zealand brass buttons): adapted, 2” height, spreading, medium water needs, sun to part shade, heavy traffic, rapid growth, easy to transplant

Lotus corniculatus ‘Plenus’ (double bird’s-foot trefoil): adapted, 3”-6” height, sun to part shade, low water needs, drought tolerant, moderate traffic, rapid growth, summer is covered with yellow flowers, mowable, easy to transplant

Lysimachia nummularia (creeping jenny): adapted, 4”-8” height, sun to part shade, medium water needs, moderate traffic, spreading, fast growing, spills over walls, summer bloomer

Mazus reptans (creeping mazus): adapted, 1”-2” height, sun to part shade, medium to high water needs, heavy traffic
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**Mentha requienii** (Corsican mint): adapted, 1” height, sun to part shade, medium water needs, moderate traffic, rapid growth.

**Origanum vulgare** ‘Aureum’ (golden marjoram): adapted, 3”-6” height, sun to part shade, minimal to medium water needs, drought tolerant, moderate traffic.

**Persicaria affinis** (Himalayan Border Jewel): 6” height, sun to part shade, medium water needs, drought tolerant once established, long blooming, light traffic.

**Potentilla neumanniana ‘Nana’** (creeping cinquefoil): adapted, 2” height, full sun to part shade, medium water needs, drought tolerant, heavy traffic, rapid growth.

**Sagina subulata** (Irish moss) or **Sagina subulata ‘Aurea’** (Scotch moss): adapted, 1” height, part to full shade, medium water needs, high traffic, great for between rocks, thick with white flowers in spring.

**Sedum groundcover varieties**: adapted, 3”-6” height, sun to part shade, minimal water needs, moderate traffic, drought tolerant, rapid growth, many sedum groundcovers available.

**Symphoricarpos mollis** (creeping snowberry): native, 1’-1.5’ height, spreading, part shade, minimal to moderate water needs, light traffic, white fruit in fall.

**Veronica repens** ‘Sunshine’ (golden creeping speedwell) and V. repens (creeping speedwell): adapted, 1” height, part shade to sun, low water needs, moderate traffic, easy to transplant.

**Trifolium repens** (white clover): adapted, 6” height, sun to part shade, medium moisture needs, heavy traffic, mowable.

**Thymus serpyllum ‘Elfin’** (elfin thyme): adapted, 1” height, sun to part shade, minimal water needs, drought tolerant, heavy traffic, easy to transplant, other varieties available.

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**Note:** Depending on site specific conditions, cultural practices, and individual seed or plant vigor, plant establishment, needs and care may vary. This is not a complete list.

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