

# Conservation Landscaping for the Lake Tahoe Basin



## Steppable Ground Covers

For Erosion Control



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



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



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



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



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



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



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*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



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*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



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*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



*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



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



*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

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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