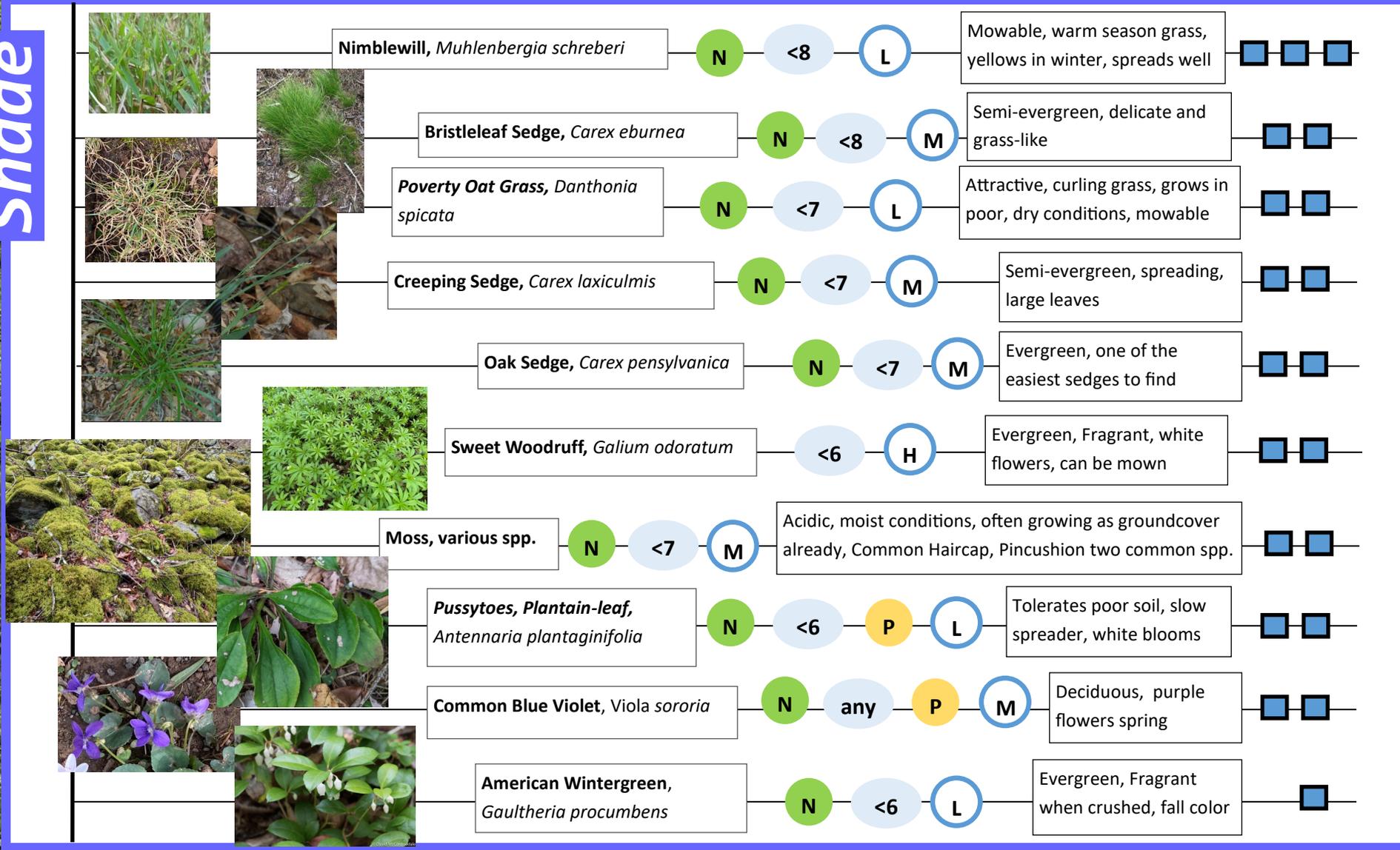


# Lawn ALTERNATIVES

Lawns offer excellent traffic tolerance and a pleasing uniform appearance; however, they have very specific nutrient, water, sunlight, and pH needs that may be challenging to meet. Lawn alternatives include resilient plants that provide a dense, compact cover in areas where grass may struggle. In many cases, alternatives can also offer additional benefits such as fall color, fragrance, and wildlife support.

## Shade



### Water Needs:

L=low

M=medium

H=high

### Foot Traffic:

■ =infrequent

■ ■ =occasional

■ ■ ■ =moderate

N =VA Native

>6 =pH Range

P =supports pollinators

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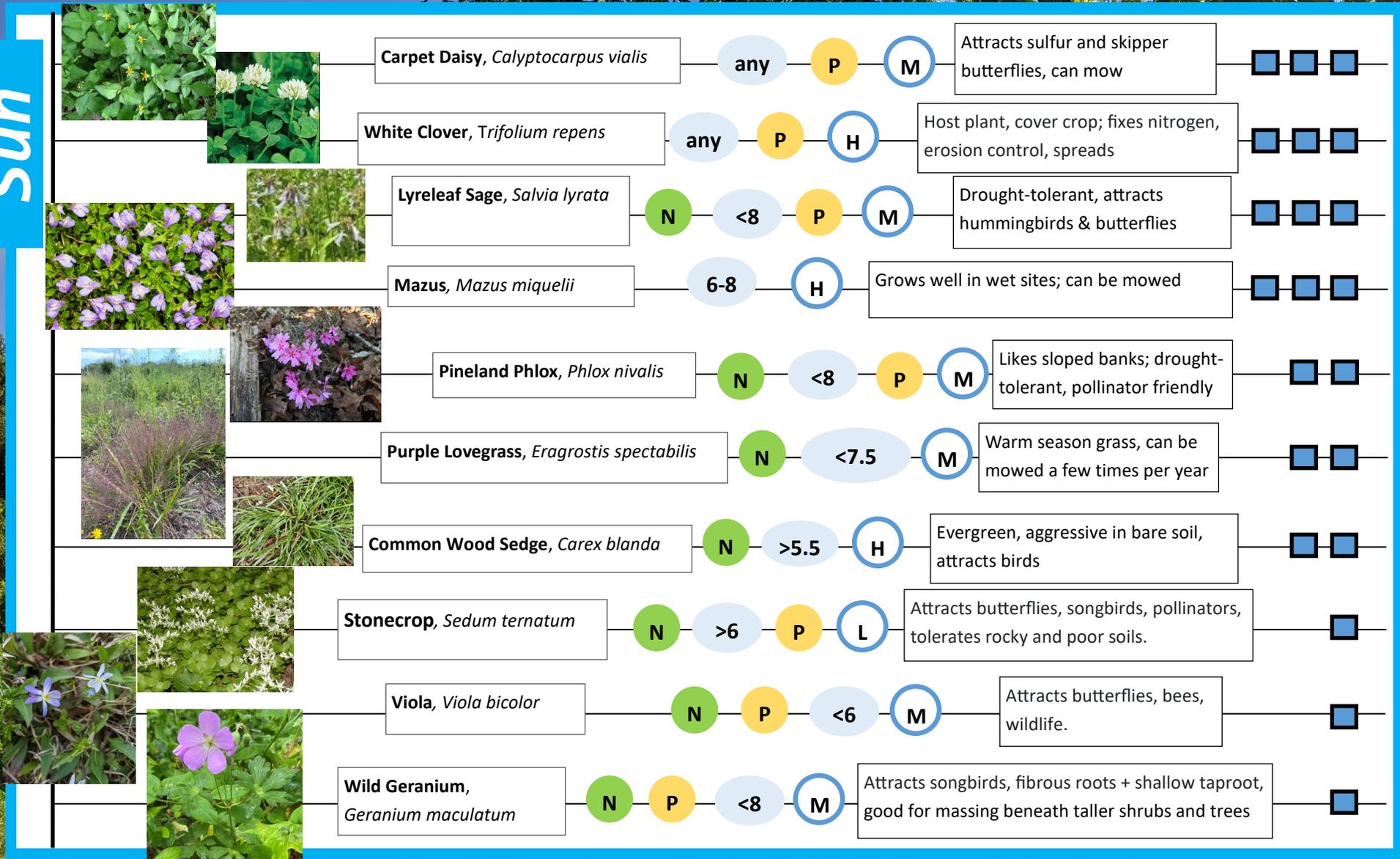


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Sun

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