



Plant This Not That

Invasive plants and noxious weeds may have beautiful flowers or stunning foliage but they are dangerous invaders in our ecosystems, often innocently planted in our gardens and then escaping cultivation, ultimately crowding out native species.

Native Alternative	Common Invasive Plant
Serviceberry- <i>Amelanchier grandiflora</i> Fringe tree- <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> Black gum- <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Callery pear- <i>Pyrus calleryana</i>
Sugar Maple- <i>Acer saccharum</i>	Norway maple- <i>Acer platanoides</i>
Highbush Blueberry- <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> Fragrant sumac- <i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Burning bush- <i>Euonymus alatus corymbosum</i>
Chokeberry- <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> Virginia sweetspire- <i>Itea virginica</i>	Japanese barberry- <i>Berberis thunbergii</i>
Virginia Creeper- <i>Parthenicissus quinquefolia</i>	Oriental bittersweet- <i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
Arrowwood- <i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Glossy buckthorn- <i>Rhamus frangulo</i>
Witch Hazel- <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Common buckthorn- <i>Rhamus cathartica</i>
Spicebush- <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Amur honeysuckle- <i>Lonicera maackii</i>
Bearberry- <i>Artctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Winter creeper- <i>Euonymus fortunei</i>
Golden ragwort- <i>Packera aurea</i>	Lesser celadine- <i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>
Woodland phlox- <i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Dame's rocket- <i>Hesperis matronalis</i>
Gayfeather- <i>Liatris spicata</i> Queen of the prairie- <i>Filipendula rubra</i>	Purple loosestrife- <i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Bee balm <i>Monarda didyma</i>	Garlic mustard- <i>Alliaria petiolaria</i>
Pasture rose- <i>Rosa carolina</i>	Multiflora rose- <i>Rosa mulliflora</i>
Coral honeysuckle <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Japanese honeysuckle- <i>Lonicera japonica</i>
Fringe tree- <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> Button bush- <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> Red Buckeye- <i>Aesculus pavia</i>	Autumn olive, Russian olive- <i>Elaeagnus umbellate, E angustifolia</i>
Winterberry- <i>Ilex verticillata</i> Gray dogwood- <i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Common privet- <i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>
Joe Pye weed- <i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>	Butterfly bush- <i>Buddleia daviddi</i>