

Native Plants Vs. Invasive Plants

Native Plants: Plants that naturally existed in our area even before colonization are called native plants.

Benefits of Native Plants

Less Maintenance:

Native plants have been growing in our area for thousands of years and have adapted to local soil and climate. So they need very minimal maintenance.

Provide Habitat:

Local ecosystems need native plants. They provide food and habitat for the survival of many species.

Examples: Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Dogwood, and Red Maple



Invasive Plants: Exotic plants originated from other parts of the country or world are called invasive plants.

Issues of Invasive Plants

Harmful to Ecosystem:

Some invasive plants can spread out of control and can out compete native plants for food and can also host pests harmful to other plants and animals.

Expensive to control:

Since the damage caused by invasive plants are quick and huge, they need to be controlled. It costs millions of dollars annually to control their growth.

Examples: Bush Honeysuckle and Common Yarrow



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