

Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants

Invasives	Native Alternatives	Features
Bamboo (<i>Phyllostachys</i> spp.)	Eastern red-cedar (<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>)	Dense, evergreen foliage useful as privacy screen or windbreak
Bradford pear (<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Bradford')	Flowering dogwood (<i>Cornus florida</i>)	Showy white bracts in spring
	Shadbush (<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>)	White flowers in spring
Burning-bush (<i>Euonymus alatus</i>)	Highbush blueberry (<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>)	Brilliant fall foliage
	Winterberry (<i>Ilex verticillata</i>)	Bright red berries persist into winter
	Red-osier dogwood (<i>Cornus sericea</i>)	Attractive red branches are exposed in winter
Butterfly-bush (<i>Buddleja davidii</i>)	Sweet pepperbush (<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>)	Fragrant flowers attract butterflies
English ivy (<i>Hedera helix</i>)	Allegheny spurge (<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>)	Spring-flowering, semi-evergreen groundcover
	Hay-scented fern (<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>)	Colonizes to create a lacey groundcover



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Japanese barberry (<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>)	Beautyberry (<i>Callicarpa americana</i>)	Clusters of purple berries persist into winter
	Virginia sweetspire (<i>Itea virginica</i>)	Scented summer flowers; long-lasting crimson fall foliage
Japanese honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera japonica</i>)	Trumpet honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>)	Pinkish flowers attract hummingbirds and other pollinators
Maiden grass (<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>)	Indian-grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	Attractive orange-to-purple fall color
Norway maple (<i>Acer platanoides</i>)	Red maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)	Brilliant fall foliage
	Sugar maple (<i>Acer saccharinum</i>)	
Periwinkle (<i>Vinca minor</i>)	Allegheny spurge (<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>)	Pinkish flowers and green leaves with darker blotches
	Hay-scented fern (<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>)	Colonizes to create a lacey groundcover
Privet (<i>Ligustrum</i> spp.)	Bayberry (<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>)	Glossy foliage can be pruned for a hedge effect
Purple loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>)	False dragonhead (<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>)	Pinkish-purple flowers in late summer
	Blazing-star (<i>Liatriis spicata</i>)	Spikes of purple flowers in summer

