

# 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

