



Native Alternatives for Invasive Plants

Homeowners Guide to Lake-Friendly Living Fact Sheets Series



Many of the plants used today for landscaping have been accidentally or intentionally distributed outside of their historic range by human activities. Most of these non-native plants stay where they are planted and do not invade natural areas. However, some do become invasive by establishing a population, reproducing rapidly, displacing native species and causing economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

Instead of these Non-Natives....	Plant these similar Natives...
Burningbush (<i>Euonymus alatus</i>)	Highbush Blueberry (<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>) Red Chokeberry (<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>) Spicebush (<i>Lindera benzoin</i>)
Butterfly Bush (<i>Budlia davidii</i>)	Buttonbush (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>) Summersweet (<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>)
Common Buckthorn (<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>) Glossy Buckthorn (<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>)	American Mountain Ash (<i>Sorbus americana</i>) Gray Dogwood (<i>Cornus foemina ssp racemosa</i>) Witch Hazel (<i>Hammanelis virginiana</i>)
Common Barberry (<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>) Japanese Barberry (<i>Berberia thunbergii</i>)	Bayberry (<i>Morella pensylvanica</i>) Eastern Ninebark (<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>) New Jersey tea (<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>) Silky dogwood (<i>Cornus amomum</i>) Winterberry Holly (<i>Ilex verticillata</i>)
Crown Vetch (<i>Coronilla varia</i>)	Spreading dogbane (<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>) Whorled Milkweed (<i>Asclepias quadrifolia</i>)
English Ivy (<i>Hedra helix</i>)	Christmas fern (<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>) Partridgeberry (<i>Mitchella repens</i>) Solomon's Seal (<i>Polygonatum commutatum</i>)
Amur Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera maackii</i>) Japanese Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera japonica</i>) Morrow Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera morrowi</i>) Tartarian Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>)	Red Osier Dogwood (<i>Cornus sericea</i>) Spicebush (<i>Lindera benzoin</i>) Winterberry Holly (<i>Ilex verticillata</i>)
Multiflora Rose (<i>Rosa multiflora</i>)	Carolina Rose (<i>Rosa carolina</i>) Swamp Rose (<i>Rosa palustris</i>) Virginia Roase (<i>Rosa virginiana</i>)
Myrtle or Periwinkle (<i>Vinca minor</i>) Pachysandra (<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>)	Partridgeberry (<i>Mitchella repens</i>) Canada Mayflower (<i>Maianthemum candense</i>) Wild Ginger (<i>Asarum canadense</i>)
Oriental Bittersweet (<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>) Porcelainberry (<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>)	American bittersweet (<i>Celastrus scandens</i>) Common Grape (<i>Vitis labrusca</i>) Virginia Creeper (<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>)
Purple Loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>)	Blazing Star (<i>Liatris spicata</i>) Joe Pye Weed (<i>Eupatorium sp.</i>)
Yellow Iris (<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>)	Blue Flag Iris (<i>Iris versicolor</i>)

Instead of these Non-Natives....

Trees

Amur Cork Tree (*Phellodendron amurense*)
Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala*)
Black Locust (*Robinia pseudocacia*)
European Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)
Goldenraintree (*Koeleria paniculata*)
Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)
Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumila*)
Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
White Poplar (*Populus alba*)

Grasses and Grass-like Plants

Chinese Silver Grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*)
Giant Reed (*Phragmites communis*)
Japanese Silt Grass (*Microstegium vimineum*)

Shrubs and Vines

Autumn Olive (*Eleagnus umbellata*)
Black Swallow-worts (*Cynanchum nigrum*)
Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster sp.*)
Guelder Rose (*Viburnum opulus var. opulus*)
Japanese Spiraea (*Spiraea japonica*)
Japanese Yew (*Taxus cuspidate*)
Mile-a-Minute Vine (*Polygonum perfoliatum*)
Pale Swallow-wort (*Cynanchum rossicum*)
Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)
Russian Olive (*Eleagnus angustifolia*)
Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)

Flowers and Groundcovers

Dame's Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)
Flowering Rush (*Butomus umbellatus*)
Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*)
Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria officinalis*)
Indian Cup Plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*)
Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)
Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*)



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Plant these Natives...

Native Trees

American Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)
American Elm (*Ulmus Americana*)
Bigtooth Aspen (*Populus grandidentata*)
Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
Common Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)
Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
Quaking Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)
Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)
River Birch (*Betula nigra*)
Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana ssp. rugosa*)

Native Grasses and Grass-like Plants

Indiangrass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)
Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)

Native Shrubs and Vines

Chokecherry (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
Highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)
Hop Hornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)
Maple Leaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerfoillum*)
Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*)
Shadbush (*Amelanchier spp.*)
Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana*)

Native Flowers and Groundcovers

Beebalm (*Monarda didyma*)
Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*)
Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)
Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
Canada Mayflower (*Maianthemum canadense*)
Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)
New York Ironweed (*Veronica novaboricensis*)
Red Trillium (*Trillium erectum*)
White Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*)



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