

Native Plant Alternatives for Invasive Plant Species

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invasive trees	alternative native trees
Callery Pear/Bradford Pear (<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>)	serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>), parsley hawthorn (<i>Crataegus marshallii</i>), fringetree (<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>)
Chinese Parasol Tree (<i>Firmiana simplex</i>)	bigleaf magnolias (<i>Magnolia fraseri</i> , <i>M. macrophylla</i>), basswood (<i>Tilia americana</i>)
Mimosa/Silktree (<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>)	two-winged silverbell (<i>Halesia diptera</i> var <i>magniflora</i>) thornless honeylocust (<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var <i>inermis</i>)
Princess Tree (<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>)	southern calalpa (<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>), red buckeye (<i>Aesculus pavia</i>)
Sawtooth Oak (<i>Quercus acutissima</i>)	Nuttall oak (<i>Quercus texana</i>), chestnut oak (<i>Q. montana</i>), a dozen other native oaks
Tallowtree/Popcorn tree (<i>Triadica sebifera</i>)	sourwood (<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>), blackgum (<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>), red maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)
Tree-of-Heaven (<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>)	pecan (<i>Carya illinoensis</i>), black locust (<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>) winged sumac (<i>Rhus copallinum</i>)
invasive shrubs	alternative native shrubs
Burning Bush (<i>Euonymus alatus</i>)	sparkleberry (<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>), Virginia willow (<i>Itea virginica</i>)
Chinese privet (<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>)	native viburnums (<i>Viburnum obovatum</i> , <i>V. dentatum</i>), wax myrtle/southern bayberry (<i>Morella cerifera</i>)
Heavenly Bamboo/Nandina (<i>Nandina domestica</i>)	evergreen blueberry (<i>Vaccinium darrowii</i>), wild rosemary (<i>Conradina canescens</i>) dwarf rhododendron (<i>Rhododendron minus</i>)
Japanese and glossy privet (<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> and <i>L. lucidum</i>)	yellow or Florida anise (<i>Illicium parviflorum</i> , <i>I. floridanum</i>) yaupon (<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>)
Non-native Olives (<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> , <i>E. umbellata</i> , <i>E. angustifolia</i>)	devilwood/wild olive (<i>Osmanthus americanus</i>), Alabama croton (<i>Croton alabamensis</i>)
Oregon Grape/Leatherleaf Mahonia (<i>Mahonia bealei</i>)	inkberry (<i>Ilex glabra</i>), Florida hobblebush (<i>Agarista populifolia</i>)
invasive grasses or grass-like	alternative native grasses
Chinese Silvergrass (<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>)	muhly grass (<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>) splitbeard bluestem (<i>Andropogon ternarius</i>) wavy hair grass (<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>)
Japanese Blood Grass (<i>Imperata cylindrica</i>)	red switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i> 'Shenandoah' and other cultivars)
Monkey Grass (<i>Liriope spp</i>)	blue wood sedge (<i>Carex flaccosperma</i>) & other sedges blue-eyed grass (<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>), dotted blazing star (<i>Liatris punctata</i>)
Non-native Bamboos (<i>Phyllostachys spp.</i> , <i>Bambusa spp.</i>)	Indian grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>) sugarcane plume grass (<i>Erianthus giganteus</i>) switchcane (<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>)
vines	alternative native vines
Chinese and Japanese Wisterias (<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> , <i>W. floribunda</i>)	American Wisteria (<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>), Carolina jessamine (<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>)
English Ivy (<i>Hedera helix</i>)	Jacksonvine (<i>Smilax smalii</i>), wild sasparilla (<i>Smilax pumila</i>)
Oriental Bittersweet (<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>)	climbing hydrangea (<i>Decumaria barbara</i>), crossvine (<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>)
Periwinkles (<i>Vinca major</i> , <i>Vinca minor</i>)	partridge berry (<i>Mitchella repens</i>) creeping or moss phlox (<i>Phlox stolonifera</i> , <i>P. subulata</i>)

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