

Invasive Species Program



Looking to spruce up your landscape? Make sure to avoid planting any of these common invasive plants (and try to remove any you already have in your yard). We've provided a list of some good native alternatives that have a similar appearance or effect in the landscape to help you make your decision. By planting native plants, you are supporting pollinators and improving habitat for all wildlife.

Discover more ways to protect habitat in our native Piedmont ecosystem by emailing our staff at RaleighInvasiveVolunteer@gmail.com or visiting parks.raleighnc.gov and searching "Invasive Species."

Common invasive plants	Native alternatives
English ivy, <i>Hedera helix</i>	Christmas fern, <i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i> Crossvine, <i>Bignonia capreolata</i> Wild ginger, <i>Asarum canadense</i>
Barberry, <i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Strawberry bush, <i>Euonymus americanus</i> Red chokeberry, <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> Cranberry, <i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>
Porcelainberry, <i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>	Passionflower, <i>Passiflora incarnata</i> Virginia creeper, <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>
Burning bush, <i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Oakleaf hydrangea, <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> Ninebark, <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>
Privet, <i>Ligustrum spp.</i>	Yaupon holly, <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> Carolina rhododendron, <i>Rhododendron carolinianum</i> American holly, <i>Ilex opaca</i>
Mimosa, <i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	Redbud, <i>Cercis canadensis</i> Carolina allspice, <i>Calycanthus floridus</i> Pagoda dogwood, <i>Cornus alternifolia</i>
Autumn olive, <i>Eleagnus umbellata</i>	Wax myrtle, <i>Myrica/Morella cerifera</i> Beautyberry, <i>Callicarpa americana</i>
Rose of Sharon, <i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	Rose mallow, <i>Hibiscus coccineus</i> Clethra Ruby Spice, <i>Clethra arnifolia</i>

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Japanese honeysuckle, <i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Coral honeysuckle, <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> Carolina jessamine, <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>
Pear (Bradford/Chanticleer/etc), <i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Dogwood, <i>Cornus florida</i> Serviceberry, <i>Amelanchier spp.</i>
Fig buttercup, <i>Ficaria verna</i>	Golden star, <i>Chrysogonum australe/virginianum</i> Shooting star, <i>Dodecatheon meadia</i> Black-eyed Susan, <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
Monkey-grass, <i>Liriope muscari/spicata</i>	Little bluestem, <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Plantain-leaved sedge, <i>Carex plantaginea</i> Dwarf-crested iris, <i>Iris cristata</i>
Periwinkle, <i>Vinca major/minor</i>	Partridgeberry, <i>Mitchella repens</i> Blanket-flower, <i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>
Daylily, <i>Hemerocallis spp.</i>	Carolina lily, <i>Lilium michauxii</i> Black-eyed Susan, <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Wild Indigo, <i>Baptisia tinctoria/australis</i>
Heavenly bamboo, <i>Nandina domestica</i>	Beautyberry, <i>Callicarpa americana</i> Coastal doghobble, <i>Leucothoe axillaris</i> Sparkleberry holly, <i>Ilex verticillata</i>
Golden bamboo, <i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	Loblolly bay, <i>Gordonia lasianthus</i> Florida hobblebush, <i>Agarista populifolia</i> Scouring rush, <i>Equisetum hyemale</i>
Winter creeper, <i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Partridgeberry, <i>Mitchella repens</i> Christmas fern, <i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>
Sweet autumn clematis, <i>Clematis terniflora</i>	Carolina jessamine, <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> Virgin's bower, <i>Clematis virginiana</i>
Chinese holly, <i>Ilex cornuta</i>	American holly, <i>Ilex opaca</i> Inkberry holly, <i>Ilex glabra</i>
Leatherleaf mahonia, <i>Mahonia bealei</i>	Ninebark, <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> Yaupon holly, <i>Ilex vomitoria</i>
Crepe myrtle, <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Sweetbay magnolia, <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> Sourwood, <i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>
Morning glory, <i>Ipomoea spp.</i>	Vase vine, <i>Clematis viorna</i> Passionflower, <i>Passiflora incarnata</i> Carolina jessamine, <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>
Bugleweed, <i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Lyreleaf sage, <i>Salvia lyrata</i>



Places to purchase native plants:

(*denotes nurseries that specialize in native plants!)

Mellow Marsh Farm*

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Field to Cottage Nursery*

12405 Norwood Rd, Raleigh, NC 27613
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Cure Nursery*

880 Buteo Ridge, Pittsboro, NC 27312
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Logan's Nursery

707 Semart Dr, Raleigh, NC 27604
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Taylor's Nursery

3705 New Bern Ave, Raleigh, NC 27610
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Homewood

10809 Honeycutt Rd, Raleigh, NC 27614
919-847-0117
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North Carolina Botanical Garden*

100 Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517
919-962-0522
ncbg.unc.edu

Plant Delights Nursery

9241 Sauls Rd, Raleigh, NC 27603
919-772-4794
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Atlantic Garden Center

5217 Atlantic Ave, Raleigh, NC 27616
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Native Roots Nursery*

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