

Alternatives to Common Invasive Landscaping Plants

See associated picture reference sheet for images of the invasive species and select alternatives (marked with an *).

1. Amur Corktree (*Phellodendron amurense*)

Alternatives:

- Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*)
- Kentucky Coffeetree (*Glymnocladus dioicus*)
- Pecan (*Carya illinoensis*)
- Sumacs (*Rhus* species)*
- Yellowwood (*Cladrastis lutea*)

2. Black Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)

Alternatives:

- American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)
- American Witch-hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)*
- Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)
- Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana*)
- Littleleaf Linden (*Tilia cordata*)

3. Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*)

Alternatives:

- Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)
- Blackhaw (*Viburnum prunifolium*)
- Eastern Wahoo (*Euonymus atropurpureus*)*
- Redosier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)
- Smooth Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)
- Sumac Species (*Rhus* species)
- Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)
- Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

4. Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)

Alternatives:

- Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
- Hawthorns (*Crataegus* species)
- Serviceberries (*Amelanchier* species)
- Wild Plum (*Prunus americana*)*
- Crabapples (*Malus* species)

Color Key:

Red text = Invasive, prohibited plant species

Green text = Native plant species to IN or nearby state

Brown text = Some species native/some introduced

Blue text = Exotic, but not invasive plant species

5. Chinese Silver Grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*)

Alternatives:

- Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
- Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)
- Purple Lovegrass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*)
- Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)*
- Feather Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis x acutiflora*)

6. English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)

Alternatives:

- Crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata*)
- Trumpet Vine (*Campsis radicans*)*
- Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)
- Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)
- Hellebores (*Helleborus* species)

7. Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*) or (*Rhamnus frangula*)

Alternatives:

- American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)
- Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)
- Dwarf Alder (*Rhamnus alnifolia*)
- Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)
- Native Dogwoods (*Cornus* species)
- Possumhaw (*Ilex decidua*)
- Smooth Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)*

8. Japanese Barberry (*Berberis japonica*)

Alternatives:

- New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)
- Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)*
- Pasture Rose (*Rosa carolina*)
- Currants (*Ribes* species)
- Boxwoods (*Buxus* species)

9. Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*)

Alternatives:

- Crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata*)
- Limber Honeysuckle (*Lonicera dioica*)*
- Trumpet Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
- Trumpet Vine (*Campsis radicans*)
- Woolly Pipevine (*Aristolochia tomentosa*)

10. Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)

Alternatives:

- American Basswood (*Tilia americana*)
- Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)*
- Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)
- London Planetree (*Platanus x acerifolia*)

11. Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)

Alternatives:

- American Wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens*)*
- Barren Strawberry (*Waldsteinia fragarioides*)
- Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)
- Creeping Phlox (*Phlox subulata*)
- Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)

12. Reed Canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*)

Alternatives:

- Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)*
- Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)
- Sideoats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)
- Autumn Moor Grass (*Sesleria autumnalis*)
- Feather Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis x acutiflora*)
- Japanese Sedge (*Carex morrowii*)

13. Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)

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