



Guide to COMMON INVASIVE PLANTS

HELP LOCAL WILDLIFE: CHOOSE NATIVE PLANTS

Trees

AVOID THESE INVASIVE PLANTS

PLANT A SIMILAR NATIVE SPECIES INSTEAD!



- Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*)*

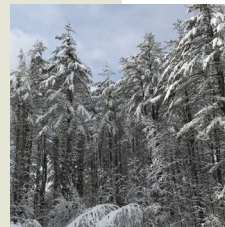


For similarly-sized maple trees with beautiful fall foliage:

- Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)*
- Red maple (*Acer rubrum*)

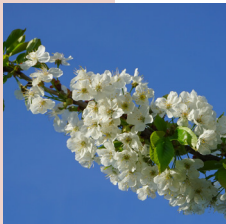


- Norway spruce (*Picea abies*)*

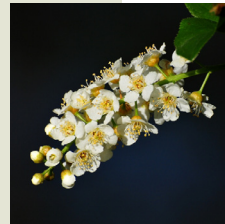


For tree-sized evergreens:

- Eastern redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)
- Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*)
- Eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*)*

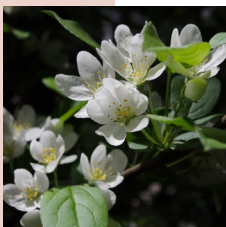


- Sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*)*
- Cherry plum (*Prunus cerasifera*)
- Sour cherry (*Prunus cerasus*)
- Mahaleb cherry (*Prunus mahaleb*)
- Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)
- Winter-flowering cherry (*Prunus subhirtella*)



For native cherries and plums that offer spring blooms and summer fruits:

- Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*)
- Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*)*
- American plum (*Prunus americana*)



- Siberian crab apple (*Malus baccata*)
- Japanese flowering crab apple (*Malus floribunda*)
- Toringo crab (*Malus toringo*)*
- Other exotic crabapples



For similarly scented spring blooms and ornamental fruits:

- Sweet crab apple (*Malus coronaria*)*
- Prairie crab apple (*Malus ioensis*)



- Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*)*
- Cleveland pear (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Cleveland select')
- Bradford pear (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Bradford')
- Asian pear (*Pyrus betulifolia*)
- Common pear (*Pyrus communis*)



For abundant white spring blooms:

- Common serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*)*
- Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

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Shrubs

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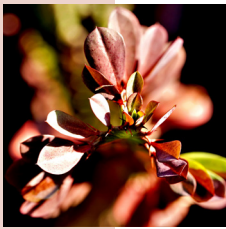
- Border privet (*Ligustrum obtusifolium*)*
- European privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*)



- Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*)*



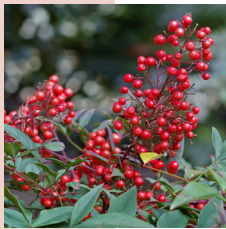
- Burningbush (*Euonymus alatus*)*



- Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)*



- Forsythia (*Forsythia* spp.)*



- Sacred bamboo (*Nandina domestica*)*

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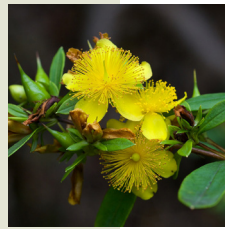
- For hedging:
- American hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)
- For broad-application flowering shrub:
- Gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)*



- For large fragrant red or pink flowers:
- Crimsoneyed rosemallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos*)*
 - Halberdleaf rosemallow (*Hibiscus laevis*)



- For stunning fall foliage:
- Dwarf witchalder (*Fothergilla gardenii*)
 - Fragrant sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)*



- For bright red berries:
- Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*)
- For a shrub of similar size and leaves:
- Shubby St. John's-wort (*Hypericum prolificum*)*



- For a spring-blooming shrub with yellow flowers:
- Northern spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)*
- For arching branches with yellow spring flowers:
- Golden currant (*Ribes aureum*)



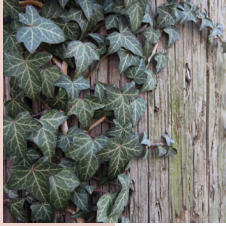
- For bright red berries in winter:
- Common winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)*

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- English ivy (*Hedera helix*)*



- For tree/building cover:
- Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)*
- For an evergreen groundcover:
- Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)



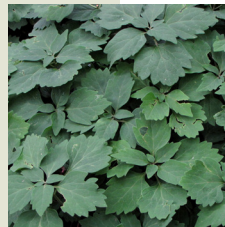
- Winter creeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)*



- For glossy foliage groundcover:
- Canadian wildginger (*Asarum canadense*)*
- For tree/building cover:
- Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)



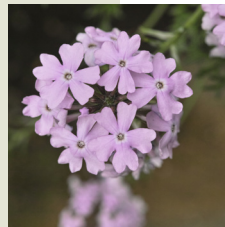
- Japanese pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*)*



- For very similar groundcover:
- Allegheny-spurge (*Pachysandra procumbens*)*



- Bigleaf periwinkle (*Vinca major*)
- Common periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)*



- For floral color:
- Rose mockervain (*Glandularia canadensis*)*
- For glossy foliage groundcover:
- Canadian wildginger (*Asarum canadense*)



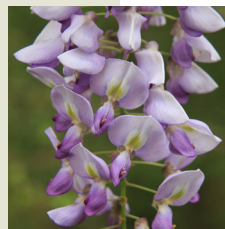
- Oriental virginbower (*Clematis orientalis*)*
- Sweet autumn virginbower (*Clematis terniflora*)
- Other non-native *Clematis* species



- For abundant white blooms:
- Devil's darning needles (*Clematis virginiana*)*
- For colorful native *Clematis* vines:
- Western blue virginbower (*Clematis occidentalis*)
 - Vasevine (*Clematis viorna*)
 - Bluebill (*Clematis pitcheri*)



- Japanese wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*)*
- Chinese wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*)
- Wisteria (*Wisteria x formosa*)



- For a purple-flowered climber:
- American wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*)*

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- Amur peppervine (*Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*)*

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- For a fast-growing vine with blue berries:
- Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)*
- For large berry clusters:
- Native grapes (*Vitis aestivalis*, *Vitis labrusca*, etc.)*

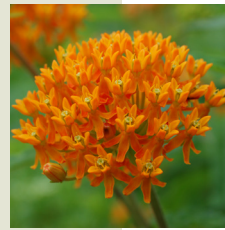
Wildflowers

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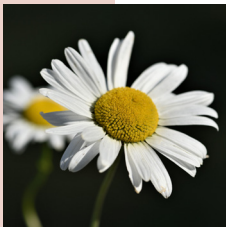


- Orange eye butterflybush (*Buddleja davidii*)*

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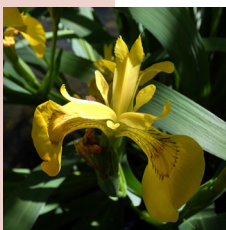
- For nectar:
- Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)*
- For purple flower spikes:
- Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*)
 - Dense blazing star (*Liatris spicata*)



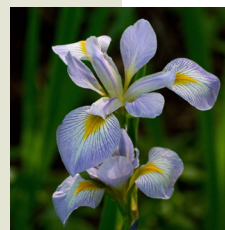
- Daisy (*Leucanthemum x superbum*)*
- Oxeye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)



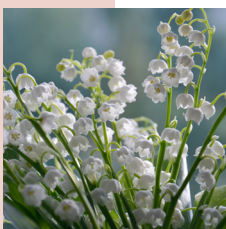
- For broad clusters of white flowers:
- Parasol whitetop (*Doellingeria umbellata*)*



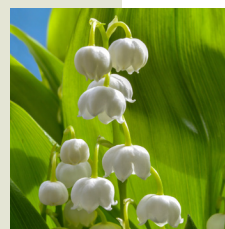
- Paleyellow iris (*Iris pseudoacorus*)*



- For large, beautiful flowers:
- Virginia iris (*Iris virginica*)*
 - Harlequin blueflag (*Iris versicolor*)



- European lily-of-the-valley (*Convallaria majalis*)*



- For a white-flowered groundcover:
- American lily-of-the-valley (*Convallaria majuscula*)*

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- Sweetscented bedstraw (*Galium odoratum*)*

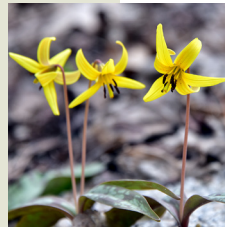


- Daffodil (*Narcissus* spp.)*

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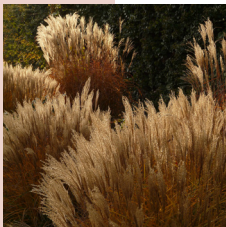
- For very similar groundcover:
- Fragrant bedstraw (*Galium triflorum*)*



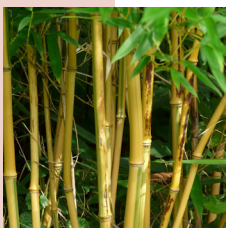
- For yellow spring flowers:
- Celandine poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*)
 - Yellow wakerobin (*Trillium luteum*)
- For yellow-flowered groundcover:
- Dogtooth violet (*Erythronium americanum*)*

Grasses

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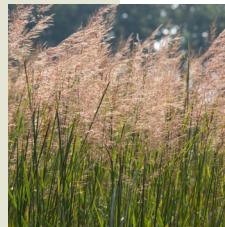


- Chinese silvergrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*)*

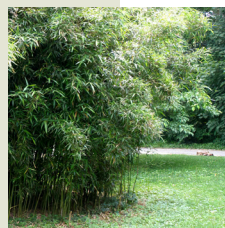


- Bamboo grasses (*Fargesia* spp., *Phyllostachys* spp., *Pleioblastus* spp., *Bambusa* spp., etc.)*

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- For a large, vertical, attractive ornamental grass:
- Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)
- For winter interest:
- Indiangrass (*Sorghastum nutans*)*



- For screening:
- Giant cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*)*

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