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SMG's Grow Native!



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This past year in our series *SMG Goes Native*, the Education Committee has suggested some replacement plants for those pesky invasive ones we are starting to remove from our gardens. Our research pointed to several replacement plants for each of the invasive ones and because of space limitations, we omitted some good replacement choices. We decided to end this year's series with a list of common invasive plants and a more extensive list of suggested native replacement ones.

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Invasive Plant	Native Replacement Plants
*Wintercreeper (<i>Euonymus Fortunei</i>)	**Allegheny Spurge (<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>) Canadian Wild-ginger (<i>Asarum canadense</i>) Heart-leaved Golden Ragwort (<i>Packera aureus</i>)
*Burning Bush (<i>Euonymus alatas</i>)	Blackhaw (<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>), Highbush Blueberry (<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>), Red Chokeberry (<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>), Winterberry (<i>Ilex verticillate</i>), **Virginia Sweetspire (<i>Itea Virginia</i>)
*Autumn Olive (<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>) *Russian Olive (<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>)	Silky Dogwood (<i>Cornus amomum</i>), **Gray Dogwood (<i>Cornus racemose</i>), American Hop-hornbeam (<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>)
*Callery/Bradford Pear (<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>)	**Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>), Redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis</i>), Hop Hornbeam (<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>), Pagoda Dogwood (<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>)
*Purple Loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>)	Swamp Milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>), **Spiked Blazing-star (<i>Liatris spicata</i>), Carolina Phlox (<i>Phlox Carolina</i>)
*Japanese Knotweed (<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>)	Nannyberry (<i>Viburnum lentago</i>), Goatsbeard (<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>), ***Red-stemmed Dogwood (<i>Cornus sericeus</i>)
*Tree of Heaven (<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>) *Princess Tree (<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>)	**American Hop-hornbeam (<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>), Cucumber-tree Magnolia (<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>), Pecan (<i>Carya illinoensis</i>)
*Japanese Barberry (<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>)	**New Jersey Tea (<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>), Dogwoods (<i>Cornus racemose</i> , <i>C. amomum</i> , <i>C. sericea</i>), Chokeberry (<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>), Winterberry (<i>Ilex verticillate</i>)
*Chinese Eulalia-grass (<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> Anderss)	**Prairie Dropseed (<i>Sporobolus heterolepsis</i>), Little Bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>), Switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)
*English Ivy (<i>Hedera helix</i>)	Wild Ginger (<i>Asarum canadense</i>), Allegheny Spurge (<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>), Heart-leaved Golden Ragwort (<i>Packera aureus</i>), Everbearing Strawberries
Asian Bush Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera maackil</i>) Privet (<i>Ligustrum obtusifolium</i>)	Dogwoods (<i>Cornus racemose</i>), Chokeberry (<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>), **Winterberry (<i>Ilex verticillate</i>), Northern Arrowwood (<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>), Bottlebrush Buckeye (<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>)

* *There is an article about this plant in the 2019 Sunnyside Thymes*

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Here are some good resources for finding more information about native plants that are good substitutes for the invasive ones.

- Indiana Native Plant Society, <https://indiananativeplants.org/invasive-plants/indiana-invasive-plant-list/>
- Missouri Botanical Society Plant Finder, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=d780>