



Don't Plant That, Plant This!

Unknowingly, many of us have planted invasive species in our yards. Invasive plants cause harm to the environment by crowding out the native plants that help support the butterflies, birds and the other wildlife with which they have co-evolved. Unfortunately, many of these plants are still being sold at garden centers. The following information will help you choose your plants more wisely.

-The Penn Hills Shade Tree Commission

TREES

Instead of planting this invasive:

Callery pear
Mimosa
Norway maple

Plant this native!

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*)
Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) or Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

SHRUBS

Instead of planting this invasive:

Burning bush
Butterfly bush
English holly
Japanese barberry
Japanese spirea
Privet
Rose of Sharon

Plant this native!

Red Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*) or Fragrant Sumac (*Rhus aromatica*)
Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*) or Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
Inkberry Holly (*Ilex glabra*) or Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)
New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*) or Steeplebush (*Spirea tomentosa*)
Inkberry Holly (*Ilex glabra*), or Arrowwood Viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)
Sweetshrub (*Calycanthus floridus*)

VINES

Instead of planting this invasive:

Chinese Wisteria
English ivy
Japanese honeysuckle

Plant this native!

American Wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*)
Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)
Scarlet Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

PERENNIALS

Instead of planting this invasive:

Bishop's weed or goutweed
Bugleweed
Pachysandra
Periwinkle
Purple loosestrife

Plant this native!

Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)
Golden Ragwort (*Packera aurea*)
Allegheny Pachysandra (*Pachysandra procumbens*)
Green and Gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*)
Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepius incarnata*)