

Overused Foundation Plants and Native Alternatives

Invasive Plants & Native Alternatives

- X Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
- ✓ Common Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*)

- X Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus*)
- ✓ Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)

- X Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.*)
- ✓ Sweet-shrub (*Calycanthus floridus*)

- X Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*)
- ✓ New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)

- X Japanese Spiraea (*Spiraea japonica*)
- ✓ Steeplebush (*Spiraea tomentosa*)

- X Nandina (*Nandina domestica*)
- ✓ Strawberry-bush (*Euonymus americanus*)

- X Privets (*Ligustrum spp.*)
- ✓ Possum-haw (*Viburnum nudum*)

- X Viburnums [Non-Native] (*Viburnum spp.*)
- ✓ Arrow-wood (*Viburnum dentatum*)

Other Non-Native Shrubs & Native Alternatives

- X Asian Azaleas (*Rhododendron spp.*)
- ✓ Pinxterbloom Azalea (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*)

- X Boxwood (*Buxus spp.*)
- ✓ Inkberry (*Ilex glabra*)

- X Cherry Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*)
- ✓ Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)

- X Japanese Euonymus (*Euonymus japonicus*)
- ✓ Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)

- X Mophead Hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*)
- ✓ Wild Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)

- X Yew (*Taxus baccata*)
- ✓ Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

Other Attractive Native Shrubs

Shrubs with Interesting Flowers

- ✓ Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
- ✓ Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)
- ✓ Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)

Shrubs with Nutritious Fruit

- ✓ American Beauty-berry (*Callicarpa americana*)
- ✓ Highbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*)
- ✓ Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)

Shrubs with Great Fall Color

- ✓ Fragrant Sumac 'Gro-Low' (*Rhus aromatica*)
- ✓ Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)
- ✓ Witch Alder (*Fothergilla gardenii*)

Additional Native Viburnums

- ✓ Black Haw (*Viburnum prunifolium*)
- ✓ Maple Leaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)

RESOURCES

Virginia Cooperative Extension mgarlalex@gmail.com

Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia <https://mgnv.org/>

Non-Native Invasive Plants of Arlington County, Virginia <https://environment.arlingtonva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2013/10/Invasive-Plant-List-2-19-15.pdf>

Non-Native Invasive Plants of the City of Alexandria, Virginia
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/Non-Native%20Invasive%20Plants%20of%20the%20City%20of%20Alexandria,%20Virginia.pdf>

Plant NoVA Natives (lists of native plant sellers)
<https://www.plantnovanatives.org/>

