



# NATIVE PLANT *alternatives*

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These native plants are suggested as alternatives to invasive exotic species in Upstate South Carolina. All plants listed, both invasive exotics and natives, are available for sale in the market.

## Non-native & **INVASIVE!**

## Native plant **ALTERNATIVE!**

PRIVET, *Ligustrum spp.* (ev) –

Carolina cherry laurel, *Prunus caroliniana* (ev)  
Yaupon holly, *Ilex vomitoria* (ev)  
Inkberry holly, *Ilex glabra* (ev)  
Florida leucothoe, *Leucothoe populifolia* (ev)  
Wax myrtle, *Myrica cerifera* (ev)

AUTUMN OLIVE and RUSSIAN OLIVE, *Elaeagnus spp.* –

Native plums, *Prunus spp.*  
Possumhaw viburnum, *Viburnum nudum*  
Blackhaw viburnum, *Viburnum prunifolium*  
Winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*  
Possumhaw holly, *Ilex decidua*  
Native blueberries, *Vaccinium spp.*

JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE, *Lonicera japonica* (ev) –

Carolina jessamine, *Gelsemium sempervirens* (ev)  
Coral honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens* (ev)  
Crossvine, *Bignonia capreolata* (ev)

BRADFORD PEAR, *Pyrus calleryana* –

Various hawthorns, *Crataegus spp.*  
Serviceberry, *Amelanchier spp.*  
Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*  
Fringetree, *Chionanthus virginicus*  
Red maple, *Acer rubrum*  
Southern sugar maple, *Acer barbatum*

MIMOSA, *Albizia julibrissin* –

Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*  
Honey locust, *Gleditsia triacanthos*  
Serviceberry, *Amelanchier spp.*  
Dogwood, *Cornus florida*  
Fringe tree, *Chionanthus virginicus*

ENGLISH IVY, *Hedera helix* (ev) –

Trumpet creeper, *Campsis radicans*  
Virginia creeper, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*  
Carolina jessamine, *Gelsemium sempervirens* (ev)  
Wild ginger, *Asarum canadense*, *Hexastylis spp.* (ev)  
Galax, *Galax aphylla* (ev)  
Allegheny spurge, *Pachysandra procumbens* (ev)  
Crossvine, *Bignonia capreolata* (ev)  
Green and gold, *Chrysogonum virginianum*  
Wild phlox, *Phlox spp.*

**Non-native INVASIVE!****Native plant ALTERNATIVE!**

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PERIWINKLE, *Vinca spp.* (ev) —

**Partridgeberry**, *Mitchella repens* (ev)  
**Wild ginger**, *Asarum canadense*, *Hexastylis spp.* (ev)

NANDINA, *Nandina domestica* (ev) —

**Winterberry**, *Ilex verticillata*  
**Beautyberry**, *Callicarpa americana*  
**Native blueberry**, *Vaccinium spp.*  
**Hearts-a-bustin'**, *Euonymus americanus*  
**Inkberry holly**, *Ilex glabra* (ev)

BURNING BUSH, *Euonymus alata* —

**Chokeberry**, *Aronia spp.*  
**Clethra**, *Clethra alnifolia*  
**Spicebush**, *Lindera benzoin*  
**Itea**, *Itea virginica*  
**Elliotts blueberry**, *Vaccinium elliotii*

TREE OF HEAVEN, *Ailanthus altissima* —

**Native sumacs**, *Rhus spp.*  
**Sassafras**, *Sassafras albidum*  
**Serviceberry**, *Amelanchier spp.*  
**Fringetree**, *Chionanthus virginicus*  
**Box elder**, *Acer negundo*  
**Red maple**, *Acer rubrum*

BUTTERFLY BUSH, *Buddleia spp.* —

**Bottlebrush buckeye**, *Aesculus parviflora*  
**Buttonbush**, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*  
**Clethra**, *Clethra alnifolia*  
**Itea**, *Itea virginica*

EMPRESS TREE, *Paulownia tomentosa* —

**Paw paw**, *Asimina spp.*  
**Cucumber tree**, *Magnolia acuminata*  
**Big leaf magnolia**, *Magnolia macrophylla*  
**Basswood**, *Tilia americana*  
**Southern catalpa**, *Catalpa bignonioides*

WISTERIA, *Wisteria sinensis* —

**American wisteria**, *Wisteria frutescens*  
**Crossvine**, *Bignonia capreolata* (ev)  
**Trumpet creeper**, *Campsis radicans*

MAHONIA, *Mahonia bealei* (ev) —

**American beautyberry**, *Callicarpa americana*  
**Possumhaw viburnum**, *Viburnum nudum*  
**Inkberry**, *Ilex glabra* (ev)  
**Florida leucothoe**, *Leucothoe populifolia* (ev)

ASIAN BUSH HONEYSUCKLES, *Lonicera standishii*, *maackii*, *tatarica*, *morrowii*, and *fragrantissima* —

**Blackhaw viburnum**, *Viburnum prunifolium*  
**Winterberry**, *Ilex verticillata*

**Grasses**MISCANTHUS, *Miscanthus sinensis* —

**Switchgrass**, *Panicum virgatum*  
**Eastern gamagrass**, *Tripsacum dactyloides* (Gamagrass — dry sites only)  
**Pink muhly grass**, *Muhlenbergia capillaris*

FOUNTAIN GRASS, *Pennisetum alopecuroides* —

**Pink muhly grass**, *Muhlenbergia capillaris*  
**Bottlebrush grass**, *Elymus hystrix*

(ev) = Evergreen or partial evergreen species