Native Alternatives to Common Invasive Garden Plants

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Agenda

Introduction to NYISAW & the PRISM network

What Are Invasive Species?

Common Invasive Species & Native Alternatives

Ways to Get Involved

Questions







Invasive Species



• An invasive species is one that is **non-native** to the ecosystem under consideration and whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, **economic** or **environmental** harm or harm to **human health**.



Not All Non-native Species Are Invasive



Why are Some Non-native Species Invasive?

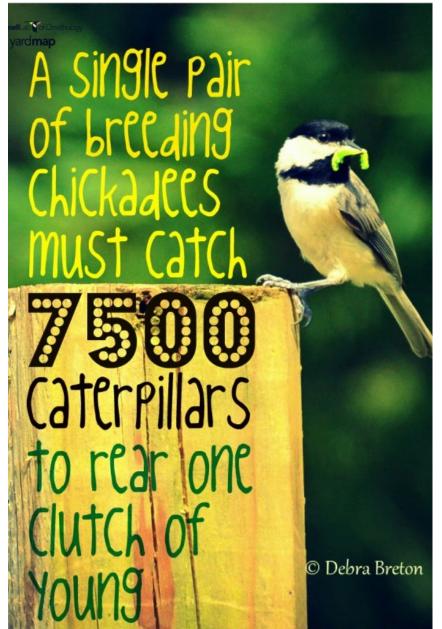
















Bush Honeysuckles

(Lonicera spp.)

- ➤ Up to 16\5 feet tall
- Hollow cross-section
- Early to leaf-out and hold leaves late into fall
- Berries do not provide adequate nutrition





Serviceberry



American Elderberry



Butterfly Bush (Buddleja davidii)

- > Up to 15 feet tall
- Crowds out native plants
- Only benefits pollinators at one stage of life cycle



Summersweet



Blazing Star



Giant Hyssop



Multiflora Rose

(Rosa multiflora)

- Clusters of white flowers
- Thick brambles exclude native vegetation
- Host of rose rosette disease
- Seeds viable for up to 20 years



Ninebark



Buttonbush



Spicebush



Japanese Barberry

(Berberis thunbergii)



- Leaves variable seasonal
- > Stems are numerous, spiny and curving
- > Found along edges, woodlands, old fields
- Dispersed by birds

Once established, its prolific spreading shades

out native plants



Winterberry Holly Littleleaf Linden Ninebark American Hazelnut



Winterberry Holly



American Hazelnut



Burning Bush (Evonymus alatus)



- > 15 feet tall
- ➤ Vibrant red leaves in autumn
- ➤ Increases rates of erosion



Black Chokeberry



Serviceberry



American Cranberry Bush



Highbush Blueberry

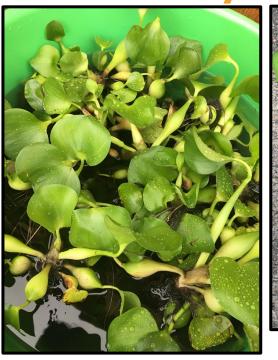


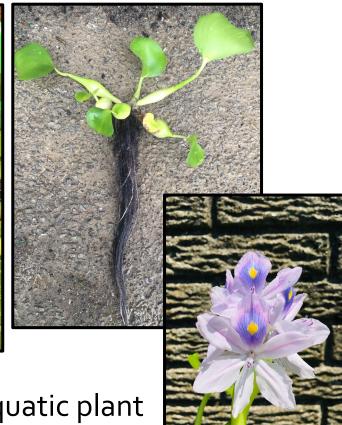
Water Lettuce



- > Free-floating aquatic plant
- > Resembles an open head of lettuce
- > Feathery roots
- Scalloped leaves

Water Hyacinth





- > Free-floating aquatic plant
- > Round, glossy bright green leaves
- > Feathery roots
- Showy purple flowers



Spatterdock/Yellow pond lily



White water lily



Water shield



Little floating-heart

Porcelain Berry

(Ampelopsis brevipedunculata)



> Ornamental vine

Covers vegetation, suppressing and outcompeting for sunlight





Trumpet honeysuckle



American bittersweet



Fox grape



Japanese Tree Lilac

(Syringa reticulata)

- ➤ Deciduous tree that grows from 15 40 ft tall
- > Reddish-brown bark
- ➤ Dark green leaves with rounded base
- > Fragrant flowers grown in white clusters
- ➤ Small saplings can be hand-pulled
- ➤ Pruning can reduce flowering





Summersweet



Broadleaf meadowsweet



PAUSE

MANUAL: DIGGING & PULLING

- Effective for small invasive plant populations.
- Best if done in the spring when soil is loose.
- Slowly dig/pull plants up by the base and remove entire root system.
- Avoid leaving behind plant fragments as they may resprout.

MECHANICAL: CUTTING & MOWING

- Effective for medium sized invasive plant populations.
- Cut/mow invasive plants to ground level before flowering occurs.
- Remove clippings from site and place in a sunny spot for 2-weeks prior to disposal or composting.

CHEMICAL: HERBICIDE APPLICATION

- Effective for medium-large sized invasive plant populations.
- Apply herbicide at peak growth before seed production.
 Follow all labels.
- Treated plants should remain undisturbed for 2-weeks following treatment. No diposal required.







GENERAL CONTROL METHODS FOR INVASIVE PLANTS







BECOME A PROTECTOR

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WHAT YOU'LL GET

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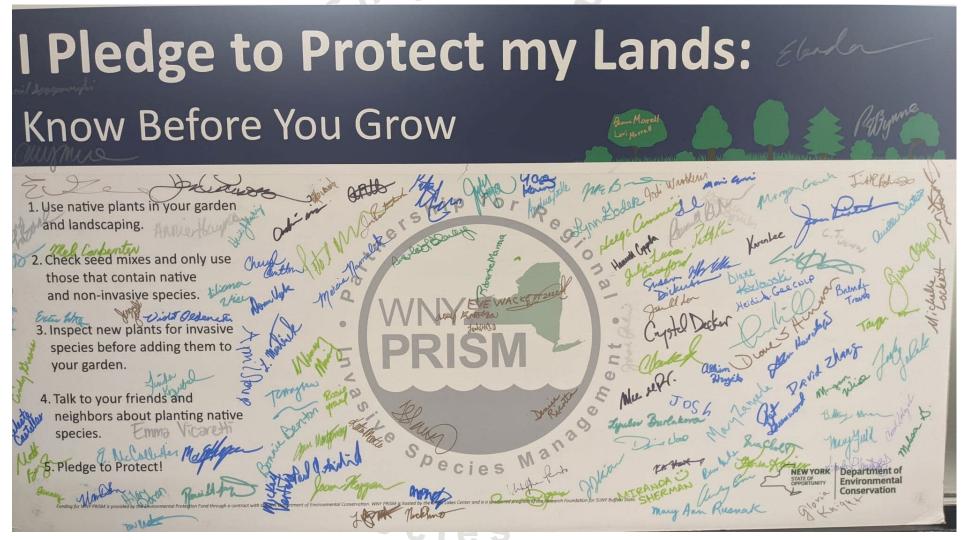






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Native Plant Resources



The National Wildlife Federation



NYS Department of Environmental Conservation



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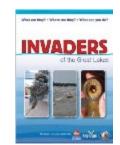
climate-smart native plants in the Northeast

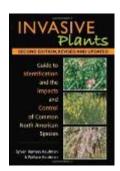
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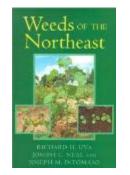
- www.wnyprism.org/get-involved/be-plantwise
- <u>Weeds of the Northeast</u> (note: not all species found in this book are nonnative or invasive)
- Invaders of the Great Lakes
- <u>Invasive Plants</u>: Guide to Identification and the Impacts and Control of Common North American Species
- <u>Mistaken Identity</u>: Invasive Plants and their Native Look-Alikes available as a pdf/download at <u>www.nybg.org</u>
- Online resources
 - WNY PRISM <u>www.wnyprism.org</u>
 - National Invasive Species Information Center (USDA) <u>www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov</u>
 - Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health www.invasive.org













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