



FROM THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SC NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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.

<u>Non-native invasive</u>	<u>Native plant alternative</u>
PRIVET, <i>Ligustrum spp.</i> (ev) —	Carolina cherry laurel, <i>Prunus caroliniana</i> (ev) Yaupon holly, <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> (ev) Inkberry holly, <i>Ilex glabra</i> (ev) Florida leucothoe, <i>Leucothoe populifolia</i> (ev) Wax myrtle, <i>Myrica cerifera</i> (ev)
AUTUMN OLIVE and RUSSIAN OLIVE, <i>Elaeagnus spp.</i> —	Native plums, <i>Prunus spp.</i> Possumhaw viburnum, <i>Viburnum nudum</i> Blackhaw viburnum, <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i> Winterberry, <i>Ilex verticillata</i> Possumhaw holly, <i>Ilex decidua</i> Native blueberries, <i>Vaccinium spp.</i>
JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE, <i>Lonicera japonica</i> (ev) —	Carolina jessamine, <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> (ev) Coral honeysuckle, <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> (ev) Cross vine, <i>Bignonia capreolata</i> (ev)
BRADFORD PEAR, <i>Pyrus calleryana</i> —	Various hawthorns, <i>Crataegus spp.</i> Serviceberry, <i>Amelanchier spp.</i> Redbud, <i>Cercis canadensis</i> Fringe tree, <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> Red maple, <i>Acer rubrum</i> Southern sugar maple, <i>Acer barbatum</i>
MIMOSA, <i>Albizia julibrissin</i> —	Redbud, <i>Cercis canadensis</i> Honey locust, <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> Serviceberry, <i>Amelanchier spp.</i> Dogwood, <i>Cornus florida</i> Fringe tree, <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>
ENGLISH IVY, <i>Hedera helix</i> (ev) —	Trumpet creeper, <i>Campsis radicans</i> Virginia creeper, <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> Carolina jessamine, <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> (ev) Wild ginger, <i>Asarum canadense</i> , <i>Hexastylis spp.</i> (ev) Galax, <i>Galax aphylla</i> (ev) Allegheny spurge, <i>Pachysandra procumbens</i> (ev) Cross vine, <i>Bignonia capreolata</i> (ev) Green and gold, <i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i> Wild phlox, <i>Phlox spp.</i>

Non-native invasive**Native plant alternative****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-bursting, *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.
Fringe tree, *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*
Cross vine, *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* —**

Switch grass, *Panicum virgatum*
Eastern gamma grass, *Tripsacum dactyloides* (Eastern gamma — 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