

# Hew Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food

## Recommended Alternatives for Invasive Plants

This list is not comprehensive and therefore discuss your needs with your local nursery

### ALTERNATIVES TO INVASIVE TREES

<u>Common</u>	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Nice fall foliage colors and can be tapped for maple syrup.
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Best known for its brilliant deep scarlet foliage in autumn.
Sycamore Maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Similar to sycamore, tolerance of wind, pollution and salt spray.
White oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>	One of the long-lived hardwoods of eastern North America.
Red oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Grown in parks and large gardens as a specimen tree.
Shagbark hickory	<i>Carya ovata</i>	The shagbark hickory's nut is edible and has a very sweet taste.
Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Tupelo species are valued as forage for honeybees - tupelo honey.

### ALTERNATIVES TO INVASIVE SHRUBS

<u>Common</u>	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Lindera are used as food plants by the larvae of some butterflies.
American strawberry-bush	<i>Euonymus americanus</i>	Native to the eastern United States with attractive reddish fruits.
Maple-leaf viburnum	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	Attracts butterflies and birds
Arrowwood viburnum	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Attractive and native, but susceptible to viburnum leaf beetle.
Southern arrowwood	<i>Viburnum recognitum</i>	Fruits are a food source for songbirds, berries contain 41.3% fat.
Wild Raisin	<i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>	Bears heavy crops of fruit proving forage for wildlife.
Wild Cranberry	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	Produce fruit at 5 years of age, food for animals and birds.
Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea spp.</i>	Popular ornamental plants, grown for their large flowerheads.
Highbush blueberry	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Good food source for wildlife.
Lowbush blueberry	<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	A low spreading shrub growing usually 35cm tall or less.
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	Valued horticulturally, and their fruits are important to wildlife.
Black haw	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Ornamental, good fall color and early winter food source for birds.
Red chokeberry	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Typically found as an understory and woodland edge plant.
Red mulberry	<i>Morus rubra</i>	A species of mulberry native to eastern North America.
American hazelnut	<i>Corylus americana</i>	The nuts are edible, although smaller than the common filbert.
Slippery elm	<i>Ulmus rubra</i>	Less susceptible to Dutch elm disease than American elm.
Winterberry	<i>Ilex galabra</i>	Berries are an important food resource for numerous species of birds.

### ALTERNATIVES TO INVASIVE HERBACEOUS PLANTS

<u>Common</u>	<u>Scientific</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Blue Vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Very hardy and drought resistant, blue flower.
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Tubular scarlet red flowers pollinated by ruby-throated hummingbird.
Delphinium	<i>Delphinium spp.</i>	Cultivated as an ornamental and for native plant gardens.
Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Can be a biennial or short-lived perennial with purple flowers.
Garden Sage, Salvia	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>	Very aromatic with small purple flowers.
Lupine	<i>Lupinus spp.</i>	Important larval food plants for many butterflies and moths.
Obedient plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Good plant for adding late-season flowers.
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Blooms throughout spring and summer.
Siberian Iris	<i>Iris siberica</i>	Purple-blue flowers borne in late spring or early summer.

### ALTERNATIVES TO INVASIVE VINES

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American bittersweet	<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	Fruits are favorites of birds and small mammals.
Trumpet honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Tubular red flowers attractive to hummingbirds.
Native wisteria	<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	Much less aggressive than the introduced ones.
Trumpet vine	<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Has dramatic flowers that are attractive to hummingbirds.
Virginia creeper	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Spectacular red fall foliage.
Native grapes	<i>Vitis spp.</i>	Provide an enormous amount of food for birds.