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.

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)
	Cross vine, *Bignonia capreolata* (ev)
BRADFORD PEAR, *Pyrus calleryana* —	
	Various hawthorns, *Crataegus spp.*
	Serviceberry, *Amelanchier spp.*
	Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*
	Fringe tree, *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)
	Cross vine, *Bignonia capreolata* (ev)
	Green and gold, *Chrysogonum virginianum*
	Wild phlox, *Phlox spp.*

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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-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 elliottii*
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 cappillaris*
	Bottlebrush grass, *Elymus hystrix*

(ev) = *Evergreen or partial evergreen species*