



39 Harmful Ornamental Plants Still Sold in NC

North Carolina Native Plant Society

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EXOTIC INVASIVE TREES	NATIVE TREES
<i>Albizzia julibrissin</i> , Mimosa (C, P, M)	<i>Aesculus pavia</i> , Red Buckeye (C, P)
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> , Bradford Pear (C, P, M)	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i> , Downy Serviceberry (C, P, M)
<i>Triadica sebifera</i> , Chinese Tallow Tree (C, P, M)	<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i> , Atlantic White Cedar (C, P)
	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> , White Fringetree (C, P, M)
	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i> , Sweetbay (C, P)
	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> , Black Gum (C, P, M)
	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i> , Eastern Hemlock (P, M)
EXOTIC INVASIVE SHRUBS	NATIVE SHRUBS
<i>Berberis (Mahonia) bealei</i> , Leatherleaf Mahonia (C, P, M)	<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> , Red Chokeberry (C, P, M)
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> , Japanese Barberry (P, M)	<i>Callicarpa americana</i> , American Beautyberry (C, P, M)
<i>Buddleia davidii</i> , Butterfly Bush (P, M)	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i> , Sweet-shrub (C, P, M)
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> , Russian Olive (P, M)	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> , Coastal Sweet-pepperbush (C, P)
<i>Elaeagnus pungens</i> , Thorny Olive (C, P, M)	<i>Diervilla sessilifolia</i> , Smooth Southern Bush-honeysuckle (M)
<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> , Autumn Olive (C, P, M)	<i>Euonymus americanus</i> , Heart's-a-bustin' (C, P, M)
<i>Euonymus alata</i> , Burning Bush (P, M)	<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i> , Dwarf Witch-alder (C, P)
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> , Japanese Privet (C, P)	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> , American Witch-hazel (C, P, M)
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i> , Chinese Privet (P, M)	<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> , Oak-leaf Hydrangea (C, P)
<i>Lonicera maackii</i> , Amur Honeysuckle (C, P, M)	<i>Hypericum prolificum</i> , Shrubby St. John's-wort (P, M)
<i>Nandina domestica</i> , Heavenly Bamboo (P)	<i>Ilex glabra</i> , Inkberry (C, P)
<i>Citrus (Poncirus) trifoliata</i> , Trifoliolate Orange (C, P, M)	<i>Ilex verticillata</i> , Common Winterberry (C, P, M)
<i>Spiraea japonica</i> var. <i>fortunei</i> , Japanese Spiraea (M)	<i>Itea virginica</i> , Virginia Sweetspire (C, P, M)
	<i>Rhododendron</i> spp., Native Azaleas & Rhododendrons (C, P, M)
	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> , Highbush Blueberry (C, P)
	<i>Viburnum nudum</i> , Possumhaw (C, P, M)
EXOTIC INVASIVE HERBS/PERENNIALS	NATIVE HERBS/PERENNIALS
<i>Ficaria verna</i> , Fig Buttercup (C, P, M)	<i>Baptisia australis</i> , Blue Wild Indigo (C, P, M)
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i> , Yellow Flag Iris (C, P, M)	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i> , Blue Mistflower (C, P, M)
<i>Lespedeza bicolor</i> , Bushy Lespedeza (C, P, M)	<i>Iris virginica</i> , Southern Blue Flag Iris (C, P, M)
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i> , Sericea Lespedeza (C, P, M)	<i>Kosteletzkya virginica</i> , Seashore Mallow (C)
<i>Perilla frutescens</i> , Beefsteak Plant (C, P, M)	<i>Mertensia virginica</i> , Virginia Bluebells (P, M)
<i>Vitex rotundifolia</i> , Beach Vitex (C)	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> , Wild Bergamot (C, P, M)
	<i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i> , Hoary Mountainmint (C, P, M)

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Invasive plant list source: The NC Invasive Plant Council List 2019

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EXOTIC INVASIVE VINES	NATIVE VINES
<i>Akebia quinata</i> , Chocolate Vine (P, M)	<i>Ampelaster carolinianus</i> , Climbing Aster (C, P)
<i>Ampelopsis glandulosa</i> , Porcelain Berry (P, M)	<i>Aristolochia spp.</i> , Dutchman's Pipe (C, P, M)
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> , Oriental Bittersweet (P, M)	<i>Bignonia capreolata</i> , Cross Vine (C, P, M)
<i>Clematis terniflora</i> , Sweet Autumn Virgin's Bower (C, P, M)	<i>Clematis virginiana</i> , Virgin's Bower (C, P, M)
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> , Wintercreeper (C, P, M)	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> , Carolina Jessamine (C, P)
<i>Hedera helix</i> , English Ivy (C, P, M)	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> , Coral Honeysuckle (C, P)
<i>Lonicera japonica</i> , Japanese Honeysuckle (C, P, M)	<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> , Virginia Creeper (C, P, M)
<i>Wisteria floribunda</i> , Japanese Wisteria (C, P, M)	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i> , Passionflower (C, P, M)
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> , Chinese Wisteria (C, P, M)	<i>Wisteria frutescens</i> , American Wisteria (C, P)
EXOTIC INVASIVE GRASSES	NATIVE GRASSES
<i>Arundo donax</i> , Giant Reed (C, P, M)	<i>Andropogon ternaris</i> , Splitbeard Bluestem (C, P, M)
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> , Chinese Silvergrass (C, P, M)	<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i> , Pink Muhly Grass (C, P, M)
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , Reed Canarygrass (P, M)	<i>Panicum amarum</i> , Bitter Panicgrass (C,P)
<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i> , Golden Bamboo (P, M)	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> , Switchgrass (C, P, M)
	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> , Little Bluestem (C, P, M)
	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> , Indiangrass (C, P, M)
EXOTIC INVASIVE AQUATICS	NATIVE AQUATICS
<i>Murdannia keisak</i> , Aisan Spiderwort (C)	<i>Nelumbo lutea</i> , American Lotus (C, P)
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> , Parrot Feather (C, P)	<i>Nuphar advena (lutea)</i> , Spatterdock (C, P, M)
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> , Eurasian Watermilfoil (C)	<i>Pontederia cordata</i> , Pickerelweed (C, P, M)
<i>Nymphoides cristata</i> , Crested Floating Heart (C, P, M)	<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i> , Broadleaf Arrowhead (C, P, M)

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Other native plant substitutes to exotic invasive plants can be found at the following websites:

NC Botanical Garden: <https://ncbg.unc.edu/plants/resources-for-gardeners>

NC State: <https://gardening.ces.ncsu.edu/native-plant-resources>

NC Native Plant Society: https://plants.ncwildflower.org/plant_galleries/all_fields_search

NC Audubon list of recommended native plants: <https://nc.audubon.org/birdfriendlynativeplantslists>

Information on invasive species:

Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health: <https://www.invasive.org/species.cfm>

Non-native Invasive Plants of Southern Forests: https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/gtr/gtr_srs062

NC Invasive Plant Council: <http://nc-ipc.weebly.com/nc-invasive-plants.html>



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