

# **Alternatives to Invasive Trees, Shrubs, Groundcovers and Vines**

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## **Deciduous Trees:**

### **Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)**

Alternative : *Acer rubrum*, *Nyssa sylvatica*

### **Bradford Pear/Crabapple (*Pyrus calleryana*, *Malus* sp.)**

Alternative: *Amelanchier canadensis*, *A. x grandiflora* , *A. laevis* ‘Cumulus’

## **Evergreens as Alternatives to Hemlock, American Arborvitae, Blue Spruce, Juniper, and Leyland Cypress**

*Abies concolor*, *A. firma*

*Chamaecyparis thyoides*, ‘Blue Sport’, ‘Glauca Pendula’

*Cryptomeria japonica* ‘Yoshino’, ‘Black Dragon’

*Cupressus arizonica*, ‘Carolina Sapphire’, ‘Silver Smoke’

*Thuja plicata*, ‘Green Giant’

*Thujopsis dolabrata*

## **Deciduous Shrubs:**

### **Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)**

Alternative: *Physocarpus opulifolius* ‘Dart’s Gold’, Diablo™, Little Devil™, ‘Summer Wine’, *Weigela* Midnight Wine™, Fine Wine™

### **Winged Euonymus, Burning Bush**

Alternative: *Aronia arbutifolia*, *A. melanocarpa*, *Itea virginica* ‘Henry’s Garnet’, Little Henry®, *Vaccinium corymbosum*

### **Japanese and Common Beautyberry (*Callicarpa dichotoma*, *C. japonica*)**

Alternative: *Callicarpa americana*

## **Evergreen Shrubs:**

### **Alternatives to Taxus (Yew)**

*Cephalotaxus harringtonia* var. *drupacea*, ‘Fastigiata’, ‘Duke Gardens’, ‘Golden Dragon’, ‘Korean Gold’, ‘Prostrata’

### **Boxwood Alternatives: (*Buxus* sp.)**

*Ilex crenata* ‘Compacta’, ‘Green Luster’, ‘Hoogendorn’, ‘Sky Pencil’, ‘Soft Touch’, ‘Steed’s’

*Ilex glabra* ‘Shamrock’, ‘Compacta’, ‘Densa’, Gem Box ®, Strong Box ®

*Lonicera pileata*, *L. nitida*

*Cryptomeria japonica* ‘Globosa Nana’, ‘Dragon Prince’, ‘Little Champion’ etc.

*Myrica pensylvanica* ‘Bobzam’ (Bobbee™), Silver Sprite™

Thuja, 'Hetz Midget', 'Little Giant', 'Little Diamond', Mr. Bowling Ball®  
Sarcococca hookeriana var. humilis  
Skimmia japonica  
Viburnum obovatum 'Reifler's Dwarf'

### **Alternatives to Cherry Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*)**

Distylium racemosa x myricoides hybrids, Blue Cascade®, Cinnamon Girl®, Coppertone™, Emerald Heights®, 'Vintage Jade', 'Athens Tower', Swing Low ®,

Illicium BananAppeal®, 'Florida Sunshine', Pink Frost™, Shady Lady™, 'Swamp Hobbit', 'Woodland Ruby'

Viburnum awabuki 'Chindo'

Viburnum x burkwoodii 'Conoy', Pearlific®

Viburnum x pragense

Viburnum x rhytidophylloides 'Allegheny', 'Willowwood'

Viburnum rhytidophyllum

### **Alternatives to Invasive Vines (*Wisteria sinensis*, *W. floribunda*, *Lonicera japonica*, *Campsis radicans*)**

Wisteria frutescens 'Amethyst Falls', Lonicera sempervirens 'Alabama Crimson', 'John Clayton', 'Major Wheeler', Bignonia capreolata 'Tangerine Beauty'

### **Alternatives to *Pachysandra terminalis* and Other Common Groundcovers**

Pachysandra procumbens

Epimedium sp.

Geranium sp.

Helleborus hybrids, Pink Frost®, Winter Jewel Series, etc.

Phlox subulata

Waldsteinia fragarioides