






Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants You May Find at Your Local Nursery




<p>INVASIVE plant - Wisteria</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Wisteria <i>Wisteria sinensis</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wisteria <i>Wisteria floribunda</i></p> </div>	<p>Popular ornamental - clings to supporting plants or structures by counterclockwise-twining stems Flowers have distinctive fragrance</p> <p>Commonly escapes cultivated areas and becomes invasive - overtakes native shrubs and trees through strangling or shading.</p> <p>Native to China (<i>W. sinensis</i>) Brought to England by East India Company in 1816 and to US in following decades as an ornamental Native to Japan (<i>W. floribunda</i>) Brought from Japan to the U.S. in the early 1830s</p> <p>Control for Wisteria - Cut frequently until root stores are exhausted.</p>
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<p>Native Alternative</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Wisteria – <i>Wisteria frutescens</i></p> <p>Deciduous perennial Vine: 12-36' Blooms: white to pink, blue, purple, violet -- May-June Fragrant blooms Sun - part shade – shade Can be trained on walls, arbors Attracts butterflies Nectar source & larval host Deer resistant</p>	<p>Native Alternative</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Coral Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera sempervirens</i></p> <p>Evergreen perennial Vine: 12-36' – great for arbors Blooms: red - yellow March-June Sun – part shade Prefers good air circulation Attracts bees, butterflies and hummingbirds Fruit attracts birds.</p>	<p>Native Alternative</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Crossvine - <i>Bignonia capreolata</i></p> <p>Semi-evergreen perennial Vine: 36-50' Blooms: orange-red - yellow March - May Sun - part shade – best in sun Avoid crowding of stems. Nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies Deer browse it in winter.</p>
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Additional suggested alternatives:

Native Alternative	Native Alternative	Native Alternative
 <p>Passion Flower <i>Passiflora incarnata</i></p> <p>Perennial vine – 12-36’</p>	 <p>Trumpet Creeper/Vine <i>Campsis radicans</i></p> <p>Perennial vine – 12-50’</p>	 <p>Carolina Jasmine/Jessamine <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i></p> <p>Evergreen perennial vine – 12-36’</p>

Sources for purchasing native plants:

Nurseries in Virginia

Hill House Farm and Nursery – Castleton, VA

Hummingbird Hill Native Plant Nursery, - Charlottesville, VA

Reedy Creek Environmental – Richmond, VA

Virginia Native Plant Society chapter plant sales - See VNPS Webpage for links to chapters

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden - Spring and fall plant sales

Online Resources:

Prairie Moon Nursery

Gardens of the Blue Ridge

Prairie Nursery

Direct Native Plants

Mid- Atlantic Natives

And, if your favorite nursery does not have a large selection of native plants, ask them to get more.



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