





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

<p style="text-align: center;">INVASIVE plant - Periwinkle</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Periwinkle - <i>Vinca minor</i></p>	<p>Popular trailing, evergreen ground cover</p> <p>Has escaped cultivation and is invading natural areas throughout the eastern U.S. Forms dense mats along the forest floor, displacing native plant species</p> <p>Native to Europe Brought to the U.S. in the early 1700s as an ornamental ground cover</p> <p>Grows into mass tangles, rooting at intervals</p> <p>Control of Periwinkle: Periwinkle can be pulled by hand. Be sure to remove underground portions. Can use a rake to loosen roots and gather</p>
--	---

<p style="text-align: center;">Native Alternative</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Allegheny Spurge <i>Pachysandra procumbens</i></p> <p>Semi-evergreen perennial Height: 6-10" Blooms: white to pink March-May - fragrant Showy silver/blue leaves Part shade – shade Drought resistant Spreads by rhizomes Attractive to bees Toxic to some animals</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Native Alternative</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Wild Pink <i>Silene caroliniana</i></p> <p>Perennial Height: 6-10" Blooms: pink April-June Part shade Attracts bees, butterflies and hummingbirds, song birds and small mammals Drought resistant</p>
--

<p style="text-align: center;">Native Alternative</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Moss / Creeping Phlox <i>Phlox subulata</i></p> <p>Semi-evergreen perennial Height: 6-8" Blooms: white, blue, pink, purple March-June Dappled sunlight – full sun Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies and bees Tolerates poor soil Good for erosion control Forms moss-like mats</p>
--

Photos borrowed from the North Carolina State University Extension Webpage - through the [CCPL](#)
Prepared by Goochland-Powhatan Master Gardeners Association

Other Alternatives:

Green and Gold - *Chrysogonum virginianum*
Woodland Phlox – *Phlox divaricate*
Wild Stonecrop – *Sedum ternatim*
Striped or spotted Wintergreen - *Chimaphila maculata*
Wintergreen - *Gaultheria procumbens*

Photographs:

Periwinkle - *Vinca minor*: George Chernilevsky - CC0
Allegheny Spurge - *Pachysandra procumbens*: Salicyna – CC BY-SA 4.0
Wild Pink - *Silene caroliniana*: K. Andre – CC BY 2.0
Moss / Creeping Phlox - *Phlox subulate*: Patty Felder – CC By 4.0

Sources for purchasing native plants:

Native Plant 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.



Helping Our Planet Endure

Goochland-Powhatan
Master Gardener Association

Virginia Cooperative Extension is a partnership of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the US. Department of Agriculture, and local governments. Its programs and employment are open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, military status, or any other basis protected by law.