


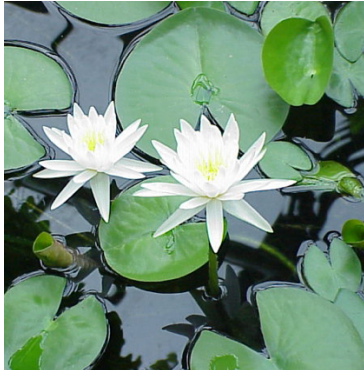


Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants You May Find at Your Local Nursery

<p style="text-align: center;">INVASIVE plant – Water Hyacinth</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Water Hyacinth - Pontederia crassipes</i></p>	<p>Free floating aquatic plant - invades lakes, ponds, rivers, marshes, and other wetland habitats</p> <p>Forms floating mats that cut off light to underwater environment</p> <p>Dense impenetrable mats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -can double in size in about two weeks -interfere with boating and fishing <p>Depletes oxygen levels</p> <p>Native to South America</p> <p>Brought to the U.S. in the early 1884 as an ornamental plant – showy purple flowers</p> <p>Control of Water Hyacinth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibited in some states Small infestations can be pulled by hand Do not plant this!
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Native Alternative	Native Alternative	Native Alternative
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pickeral Weed</i> <i>Pontederia cordata</i></p> <p>Perennial Height: 1-3' Blooms: white, blue, purple June – September Sun - part shade Water garden, bog, pond Seeds for waterfowl Attracts dragonflies</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>American Swamp Lily</i> <i>Saururus cernuus</i></p> <p>Perennial Height: 1-3' Blooms: white April-August Part shade, shade Moist, wet soils, mud, water gardens, bogs Valued by wood ducks Deer Resistant</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>American White Water Lily</i> <i>Nymphaea odorata</i></p> <p>Perennial Height: 1' Blooms: white March-October Aromatic Sun – Part Shade - Shade Pond or shallow water Seeds for waterfowl & mammals</p>

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Other suggested alternatives:

Broadleaf Cattail - *Typha latifolia*

Lizard's Tail – *Saururus cernuus*

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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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