

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

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| <p>INVASIVE plant - Periwinkle</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>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>Native Alternative</p>  <p>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>Native Alternative</p>  <p>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>Native Alternative</p>  <p>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> |

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Other Alternatives:

Green and Gold - *Chrysogonium virginianum*
Woodland Phlox – *Phlox divaricata*
Wild Stonecrop – *Sedum ternatum*
Striped or spotted Wintergreen - *Chimaphila maculata*
Wintergreen - *Gaultheria procumbens*

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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 Blueridge
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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