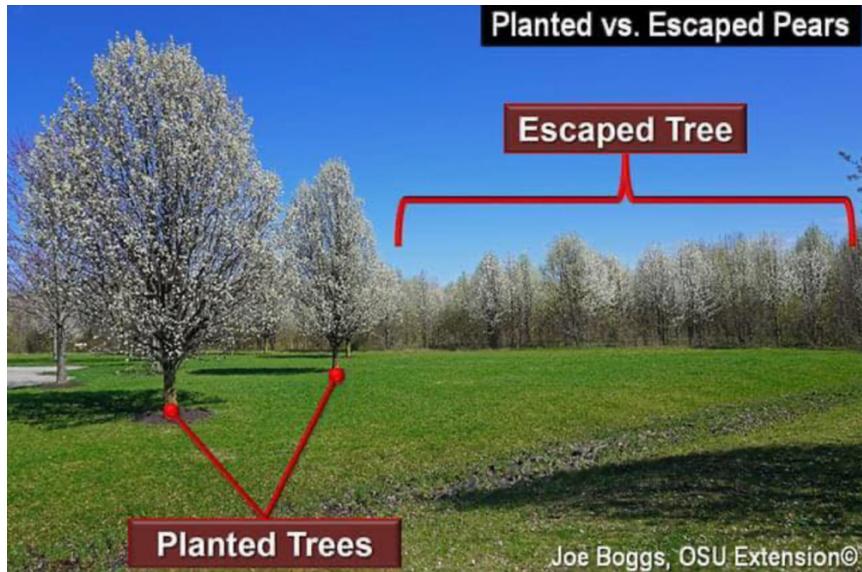


Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants You May Find at Your Local Nursery

<p>INVASIVE plant – Bradford Pear</p>  <p>Bradford or Callery Pear – <i>Pyrus calleryana</i></p>	<p>Planted as a popular flowering urban and suburban landscape tree</p> <p>Invasive throughout the US. Prevents colonization of native species. Most frequently found in disturbed woodlands, along roadsides and in old fields. Grows in a wide range of soil types</p> <p>Native to Asia. Brought into the US in 1908 as ornamental tree and in 1918 as rootstock for domesticated pears</p> <p>Control of Bradford Pear: Seedlings can be hand pulled, saplings pulled out with tools, trees girdled or cut down. Re-sprouts can be sprayed with glyphosate</p>	
<p>Native Alternative</p>  <p>Flowering Dogwood <i>Cornus florida</i></p> <p>15-20' deciduous tree, single or multiple trunk, 15-30' spreading crown White or pink flowers, March-May before leaves come out; followed by brilliant red fruit Sun to shade, rich, well-drained, acid soil Attracts pollinators and songbirds. Larval host to 115 native caterpillar species</p>	<p>Native Alternative</p>  <p>Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i></p> <p>15-35' deciduous tree, one to several trunks, 15-35' umbrella-like crown Deep pink flowers April-May in tight clusters along the stems and branches Part shade to shade, loose, moist, sandy fertile and well-drained soils; tolerates clay soil Attracts native bees and tolerates deer browsing</p>	<p>Native Alternative</p>  <p>Common Persimmon <i>Diospyros virginiana</i></p> <p>15-100' deciduous tree, 25-35' spreading crown, pendulous branches Bell-shaped yellow flowers in April-June; large, sweet, orange fruits in fall and yellow-green leaves Attracts wildlife and is larval host to the Luna Moth Tree can be used as erosion control and is free of disease and insect problems</p>

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Other Suggested Natives:

Fringetree - *Chionanthus virginicus*
 Downy Serviceberry - *Amelanchier arborea*

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 Eastern Redbud - *Cercis canadensis*: Dcrjsr – CC BY 3.0
 Common Persimmon - *Diospyros virginiana*: USGS Bee Inventory and Monitoring Lab – CC0

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



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