

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

<p>INVASIVE plant – Creeping Jenny</p>  <p>Creeping Jenny, <i>Lysimachia nummularia</i></p>	<p>Popular in the garden trade as a hardy, dense ground cover. Yellow varieties may be less invasive than the green. Almost evergreen, forms dense mats</p> <p>Native to southwest Asia and Europe Brought to New England in the 19th Century as an ornamental plant</p> <p>A rampant spreader, it escapes into natural habitats. Capable of crowding out more desirable native plants, especially in moist woodlands</p> <p>Can be removed by hand. Remove all stems and foliage. Any little piece will re-root and grow. Can be controlled by burning or establishing a good stand of native grasses.</p>	
<p>Native Alternative</p>  <p>Green and Gold <i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i></p> <p>Perennial ground cover Height: 6" Blooms: yellow April–October (and more) Part shade, moist but well-drained soil Good groundcover, will spread Slightly fuzzy green foliage Attracts butterflies, bees and other insects Deer Resistant</p>	<p>Native Alternative</p>  <p>Wild Stonecrop <i>Sedum ternatum</i></p> <p>Rock-loving perennial succulent ground cover Height: 6" Blooms: white April–June Part shade Attracts butterflies, pollinators and songbirds Deer resistant Tolerates drought and poor soil</p>	<p>Native Alternative</p>  <p>Wild Pink, <i>Silene caroliniana</i></p> <p>Perennial – semi-evergreen Height: 8-12" Blooms: pink April – June Part shade Prefers well-drained rocky soil Loose clusters of flowers Compact, mounding and mat-forming Attracts humming birds, butterflies and other insects Tolerates drought and dry soil</p>

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Other suggested alternatives:

Foamflower - *Tiarella cordifolia*
Creeping Phlox - *Phlox stolonifera*

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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 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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