

REPLACE INVASIVE PLANTS WITH...

TEXAS NATIVES

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WHAT TO SWAP WITH!



Invasives:

Tropical Milkweed Pampas Grass Russian Olive English Ivy **English Holly** Yellow Flag Iris Brazilian Lantana Trailing Lantana Japanese Honeysuckle Maidengrass White Mulberry Scarlet Firethorn Bradford pear Mexican Petunia Siberian Elm Brazilian Verbena Chaste Tree Chinese Wisteria

Native Replacements:

Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa) Indian Grass (Sorghastrum nutans) Texas Sage (Leucophyllum frutescens) Virginia Creeper (Parthenocissus virginica) Dahoon Holly (Ilex cassine) Louisiana Iris (Iris ser. Hexagon) Texas Lantana (Lantana urticoides) Prairie Verbena (Glandularia canadensis) Coral Honeysuckle (Lonicera sempervirens) Little Bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium) Red Mulberry (Morus rubra) Yaupon Holly (Ilex vomitoria) Mexican Plum (Prunus mexicana) Violet Ruellia (Ruellia nudiflora) / (Ruellia humilis) Cedar Elm (Ulmus crassifolia) Gulf Vervain (Verbena xuthii

False Indigo Tree (Amorpha fruticosa)

Texas Wisteria (Wisteria frutescens)





To answer that, first we must establish what a native plant is.

A **Texas native plant** is a species that has occurred naturally in our region, without human intervention, before European settlement. These plants have co-evolved with other native species such as insects, animals, and other plants to provide specific adaptations and support our fragile ecosystem. Some native plants are endangered and require conservation efforts while others require very little care at all. While some native plants are **aggressive**, it is impossible for them to be **invasive**.

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An **introduced exotic plant** is a species that comes from somewhere else. Texas may be too hot in the summer, too cold in the winter, too humid, or too rainy for some exotic species to thrive, but many introduced species do grow quite well here. That's not a bad thing, but some grow **TOO** well. When introduced exotic species grows so well here that it starts outcompeting a native species that our ecosystem relies on, that plant may be deemed an invasive species.

We at the nursery do not decide what is invasive - these plants are researched and listed by Texas conservation organizations.

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Invasive plants spread rapidly, choke out native plants, and provide no ecological benefit to our local wildlife.

Many people believe that what they plant in their home garden is not important to the ecosystem, but invasive plants are highly skilled at escaping the areas they are planted in and ended up in important natural habitats.

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