In Pennsylvania, invasive species cause over $100 million in damages each year and degrade wildlife habitat. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recently banned the following invasive species from sale due to their economic and ecosystem impacts. With over 2,000 plants native to the state, there are many bird- and pollinator-friendly options to choose from when replacing recently-banned invasive plants.

**REPLACE BANNED INVASIVES**

**EXOTIC BARBERRY**  
*Berberis thunbergii*

- Acts as a “nursery” for ticks
- Noxious weed
- Banned for sale in PA as of 10/2023

**PRIVET**  
*Ligustrum spp.*

- Noxious weed
- Banned for sale in PA; grace period through 1/2025
- Suckers readily and difficult to remove

**WHERE ARE THESE NATIVE ALTERNATIVES**

**INKBERRY HOLLY**  
*Ilex glabra*

- Compact, upright evergreen shrub with 4-season interest
- Red berries add winter interest and attract birds

**BAYBERRY**  
*Myrica pensylvanica*

- Good for hedge and specimen planting
- Fruit adds winter interest and attracts birds
- Semi-evergreen

**SPICEBUSH**  
*Lindera benzoin*

- Early spring yellow blooms
- Yellow fall foliage
- Bright red fruit attracts birds

**VIRGINIA SWEETSPIRE**  
*Itea virginica*

- Red-orange fall color
- Long tassels of fragrant, showy white flowers attract pollinators
- Tolerates clay soil
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BURNING BUSH
* Euonymus alata
  - Noxious weed
  - Banned for sale in PA; grace period through 1/2025
  - Spreads prolifically through seeds

BUCKTHORN
* Rhamnus cathartica
  - Noxious weed
  - Banned for sale in PA
  - Spreads rapidly, displacing other garden plants

BRADFORD PEAR
* Pyrus calleryana ‘Bradford’
  - Fast-growing with weak trunk, creates property damage hazard
  - Banned for sale in PA starting 2/2024

WITH THESE BIRD-FRIENDLY NATIVE ALTERNATIVES

RED CHOKEBERRY
* Aronia arbutifolia
  - Brilliant red fall foliage
  - Berries attract birds and white spring flowers attract pollinators
  - Unique bark

NINEBARK
* Physocarpus opulifolius
  - Attracts butterflies and other pollinators
  - Long-lasting fruit loved by birds
  - Exfoliating bark

ALTERNATE LEAF DOGWOOD
* Cornus alternifolia
  - Berries attract birds and flowers attract pollinators
  - Red fall color
  - Good specimen plant

BLACKHAW VIBURNUM
* Viburnum prunifolium
  - Blue-black berries follow showy white flowers, red-purple fall foliage
  - Songbirds love fruit
  - Dry-moist soils

FLOWERING DOGWOOD
* Cornus florida
  - Iconic showy white flowers in spring, scarlet to purple fall foliage
  - Red fruit attracts birds
  - Plant in group or individually

REDBUD
* Cercis canadensis
  - Brilliant pink early spring blooms
  - Good specimen tree
  - Attracts Hummingbirds, songbirds, and pollinators