

BIRD-FRIENDLY NATIVE ALTERNATIVES TO RECENTLY-BANNED INVASIVES

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

✓ WITH THESE BIRD-FRIENDLY 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*



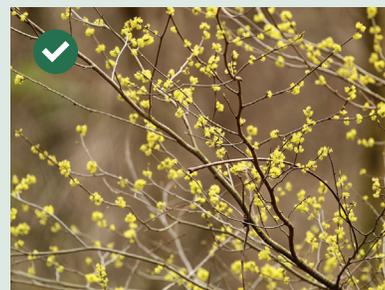
- Good for hedge and specimen planting
- Fruit adds winter interest and attracts birds
- Semi-evergreen

VIRGINIA SWEETSPIRE *Itea virginica*



- Red-orange fall color
- Long tassels of fragrant, showy white flowers attract pollinators
- Tolerates clay soil

SPICEBUSH *Lindera benzoin*



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



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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

ALTERNATE LEAF DOGWOOD

Cornus alternifolia



- Berries attract birds and flowers attract pollinators
- Red fall color
- Good specimen plant

FLOWERING DOGWOOD

Cornus florida



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

NINEBARK

Physocarpus opulifolius



- Attracts butterflies and other pollinators
- Long-lasting fruit loved by birds
- Exfoliating bark

BLACKHAW VIBURNUM

Viburnum prunifolium



- Blue-black berries follow showy white flowers, red-purple fall foliage
- Songbirds love fruit
- Dry-moist soils

REDBUD

Cercis canadensis



- Brilliant pink early spring blooms
- Good specimen tree
- Attracts Hummingbirds, songbirds, and pollinators