

Ready to make the swap in your yard? The ecology of your property — soil type, light and hydrology — will help determine which native plants you should purchase. Here are some common invasive species in the local area along with a native alternative.

MAKE THE SWAP!

PLANT THIS:

SUMMER PHLOX

Bright pink flowers, mildew-resistant



RED CHOKEBERRY

Red in the fall with red berries



SERVICEBERRY

White spring flowers, colorful fall foliage and edible fruit



EASTERN ARBORVITAE

Dense cover and berries make for great bird habitat



INSTEAD OF THIS:

DAME'S ROCKET

Bright pink and white flowers



BURNING BUSH

Red in the fall with red fruit



BUSH HONEYSUCKLE

Fast growing with red fruit that attracts wildlife



COMMON BUCKTHORN

Used as a hedge or border plant



Carmel Clay
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