

North Carolina Sandhills Weed Management Area
**LANDSCAPE ALTERNATIVES for
INVASIVE PLANTS of the Sandhills**

These native plants are suggested as alternatives to invasive exotic species in the North Carolina Sandhills.

Non-native & INVASIVE! Native plant ALTERNATIVE!

AUTUMN OLIVE and RUSSIAN OLIVE (*Elaeagnus* spp.)

Possumhaw holly, *Ilex decidua*
Winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*
Native plums, *Prunus angustifolia*, *serotina*
Native blueberries, *Vaccinium arboreum*, *formosum*, *stamineum*
Possumhaw viburnum, *Viburnum nudum*
Southern black haw, *Viburnum rufidulum*

BRADFORD PEAR (*Pyrus calleryana*)

Red maple, *Acer rubrum*
Serviceberry, *Amelanchier arborea*
Eastern serviceberry, *Amelanchier canadensis*
Fringe tree, *Chionanthus virginicus*
Native hawthorns, *Crataegus* spp.
Sourwood, *Oxydendrum arboreum*
Blackgum, *Nyssa sylvatica*

BURNING BUSH (*Euonymus alata*)

Red chokeberry, *Aronia arbutifolia*
Sweet pepperbush, *Clethra alnifolia*
Strawberry bush, *Euonymus americanus*
Virginia willow, *Itea virginica*
Mayberry, *Vaccinium elliotii*

BUSH HONEYSUCKLES (*Lonicera standishii*, *maackii*, *tatarica*, *morrowii*, *fragrantissima*)

Winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*
Coralberry, *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*
Southern black haw, *Viburnum rufidulum*

BUTTERFLY BUSH (*Buddleja* spp.)

Buttonbush, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
Sweet pepperbush, *Clethra alnifolia*
Virginia willow, *Itea virginica*
American snowbell, *Styrax americanus*

ENGLISH IVY (*Hedera helix*)

Crossvine, *Bignonia capreolata*
Trumpet creeper, *Campsis radicans*
Carolina jessamine, *Gelsemium sempervirens*
Virginia creeper, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*

JAPANESE BARBERRY (*Berberis thunbergii*)

New Jersey tea, *Ceanothus americanus*
Winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*
Native blueberries, *Vaccinium arboreum*, *formosum*, *stamineum*

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JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE (*Lonicera japonica*)

Crossvine, *Bignonia capreolata*
Carolina jessamine, *Gelsemium sempervirens*
Scarlet honeysuckle, *Lonicera sempervirens*

MAHONIA (*Mahonia bealei*)

Beautyberry, *Callicarpa americana*
Inkberry, *Ilex glabra*
Coastal doghobble, *Leucothoe axillaris*
Staggerbush, *Lyonia mariana*
Possumhaw viburnum, *Viburnum nudum*

MIMOSA (*Albizia julibrissin*)

Serviceberry, *Amelanchier arborea*
Eastern serviceberry, *Amelanchier canadensis*
Fringe tree, *Chionanthus virginicus*
Flowering dogwood, *Cornus florida*
Witch hazel, *Hamamelis virginiana*
Sourwood, *Oxydendrum arboreum*

MISCANTHUS (*Miscanthus sinensis*)

Purple love grass, *Eragrostis spectabilis*
Muhly grass, *Muhlenbergia capillaris*
Indiangrass, *Sorghastrum nutans*
Eastern gamma grass, *Tripsacum dactyloides*

NANDINA (*Nandina domestica*)

Beautyberry, *Callicarpa americana*
Strawberry bush, *Euonymus americanus*
Inkberry, *Ilex glabra*
Winterberry, *Ilex verticillata*
Native blueberries, *Vaccinium arboreum*, *formosum*, *stamineum*

PERIWINKLE (*Vinca* spp.)

Evergreen wild ginger, *Hexastylis arifolia*
Partridgeberry, *Mitchella repens*

PRIVET (*Ligustrum* spp.)

Inkberry, *Ilex glabra*
American holly, *Ilex opaca*
Coastal doghobble, *Leucothoe axillaris*
Wax myrtle, *Morella cerifera*
Sparkleberry, *Vaccinium arboreum*

TREE OF HEAVEN (*Ailanthus altissima*)

Red maple, *Acer rubrum*
Fringe tree, *Chionanthus virginicus*
Smooth sumac, *Rhus glabra*
Sassafras, *Sassafras albidum*

WISTERIA (*Wisteria floribunda* & *sinensis*)

Crossvine, *Bignonia capreolata*
Trumpet creeper, *Campsis radicans*
American wisteria, *Wisteria frutescens*