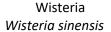
Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants You May Find at Your Local Nursery

INVASIVE plant - Wisteria







Wisteria Wisteria floribunda

Popular ornamental - clings to supporting plants or structures by counterclockwise-twining stems Flowers have distinctive fragrance

Commonly escapes cultivated areas and becomes invasive - overtakes native shrubs and trees through strangling or shading.

Native to China (W. sinensis)
Brought to England by East India Company in 1816
and to US in following decades as an ornamental
Native to Japan (W. floribunda)
Brought from Japan to the U.S. in the early 1830s

Control for Wisteria - Cut frequently until root stores are exhausted.

Native Alternative



Wisteria – Wisteria frutescens

Deciduous perennial
Vine: 12-36'
Blooms: white to pink, blue,
 purple, violet -- May-June
Fragrant blooms
Sun - part shade – shade
Can be trained on walls, arbors
Attracts butterflies
Nectar source & larval host
Deer resistant

Native Alternative



Coral Honeysuckle Lonicera sempervirens

Evergreen perennial
Vine: 12-36' – great for arbors
Blooms: red - yellow
March-June
Sun – part shade
Prefers good air circulation
Attracts bees, butterflies and
hummingbirds
Fruit attracts birds.

Native Alternative



Crossvine - Bignonia capreolata

Semi-evergreen perennial
Vine: 36-50'
Blooms: orange-red - yellow
March - May
Sun - part shade – best in sun
Avoid crowding of stems.
Nectar source for hummingbirds
and butterflies
Deer browse it in winter.

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Additional suggested alternatives:

Native Alternative



Passion Flower
Passiflora incarnata

Perennial vine - 12-36'

Native Alternative



Trumpet Creeper/Vine Campsis radicans

Perennial vine - 12-50'

Native Alternative



Carolina Jasmine/Jessamine Gelsemium sempervirens

Evergreen perennial vine - 12-36'

Sources for purchasing native plants:

Nurseries in Virginia

Hill House Farm and Nursery - Castleton, VA

Hummingbird Hill Native Plant Nursery, - Charlottesville, VA

Reedy Creek Environmental - Richmond, VA

Virginia Native Plant Society chapter plant sales - See VNPS Webpage for links to chapters

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden - Spring and fall plant sales

Online Resources:

Prairie Moon Nursery Gardens of the Blueridge Prairie Nursery

Direct Native Plants

Mid- Atlantic Natives

And, if your favorite nursery does not have a large selection of native plants, ask them to get more.



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