



Instead of periwinkle...



...consider wild strawberry

We aim to empower people to slow the impacts of invasive plants on natural areas in the Sault/Algoma District

Please visit cleannorth.org for a detailed version of this guide including scientific names of species and more alternatives to invasives



Invasive Species Centre

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Where to get native plants



Spotted joe-Pye weed
Fireweed



Northern blue flag iris
Bloodroot



- Try garden centres—but be careful. Garden centres don't always provide accurate information on what's native to our area or to Ontario, what's a cultivar (often less useful to pollinators), and what's invasive. Some garden centres still sell invasive species like goutweed and periwinkle.
- Check out online native plant sellers (Halton Master Gardeners has a list on their website).
- Join a local horticultural society or the Seeds of Change Facebook group and buy or trade native plants and seeds.
- Grow your own native plants through winter sowing. Visit cleannorth.org for details.



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Sault/Algoma Grow me instead guide

**24 invasive plants to remove
And beautiful native alternatives**



Instead of goutweed...



...grow white turtlehead



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Invasive spring bulbs



Siberian squill
Grow instead: Bunchberry, round-lobed hepatica, yellow trout lily



Star of Bethlehem
Grow instead: Bloodroot, Canada anemone, large white trillium, wood anemone

Invasive annuals



Himalayan balsam
Grow instead: Spotted jewelweed (annual); eastern red columbine, spotted Joe-Pye weed (perennials)

Invasive biennials/perennials



Common orange daylily
Grow instead: Wood lily, lance-leaved coreopsis, swamp milkweed



Creeping purple bellflower
Grow instead: Bigleaf, New England, or smooth aster; northern cranesbill



Dame's rocket
Grow instead: Blue vervain, spreading dogbane



Garlic mustard
Grow instead: Balsam groundsel, long beech fern, tall meadow-rue



Goutweed
Grow instead: Canada anemone, foamflower, white turtlehead



Japanese knotweed
Grow instead: Spotted Joe-Pye weed, false or hairy Solomon's seal

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Invasive biennials/perennials



Lily of the valley
Grow instead: Bluebead lily, Dutchman's breeches, northern starflower, small white leek



Miscanthus grasses
Grow instead: Rattlesnake manna grass, bottlebrush grass



Oxeye daisy
Grow instead: Black-eyed Susan, common boneset, pearly everlasting, flat-topped white aster



Periwinkle
Grow instead: Bearberry, wild or woodland strawberry, barren strawberry, wintergreen



Purple loosestrife
Grow instead: Fireweed, swamp aster, swamp milkweed



Yellow archangel
Grow instead: Foamflower, northern evening primrose, two-leaved toothwort, wild sarsaparilla



Yellow flag iris
Grow instead: Northern blue flag iris, marsh marigold

Want to know the scientific names of species in this guide? See the web version at cleannorth.org. Check species before you buy to confirm each is truly native to our area and not a cultivar (often less useful to our critters) or worse, invasive.

FYI: In the online version of this guide, we list more alternatives, including some not native here but native to other parts of Ontario (still good for pollinators).

Invasive shrubs



Barberry, Japanese
Grow instead: High-bush cranberry, red-osier or alternate-leaved dogwood



Buckthorn, common/glossy
Grow instead: Canada or red-berried elderberry, Saskatoon or smooth serviceberry



Burning bush
Grow instead: Winterberry holly, northern wild raisin, sand cherry, staghorn or smooth sumac



False spirea
Grow instead: White meadowsweet, steeplebush



Non-native bush honeysuckles
Grow instead: Northern bush honeysuckle, American fly-honeysuckle, smooth rose



Siberian pea shrub
Grow instead: Beaked hazel, Kalm's St. John's-wort, ninebark

Invasive trees



Manitoba (left) and Norway (below left) maple

Grow instead:

- Red, mountain, striped, or sugar maple
- White or yellow birch
- Red oak, basswood, black cherry



For a longer list of invasive plants, visit cleannorth.org. For sources of native plants, flip to back panel.