

Instead of periwinkle...



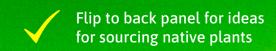
...consider wild strawberry

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

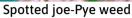


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Where to get native plants







Northern blue flag iris
Bloodroot

Fireweed



- 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



Crow instead: Wood like In

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 redberried 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 flyhoneysuckle, 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:



- 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.