



Keep Your Yard Weed-Free

Your yard is a place for beauty and enjoyment, and you can make a difference in protecting natural areas and wildlife habitat by choosing the right plants. Many beautiful native and non-invasive horticultural plants are available as alternatives for your use.

How to Use This Guide

Take this wallet guide with you when shopping for plants to help you make good choices. The lists should give you a start—but always be sure to ask if plants are known invaders, and avoid those that are or could be. Remember, just because it's pretty doesn't mean that it isn't invasive, and there are new plants being used for horticulture all the time. If you don't know it, don't grow it.

This guide contains two native plant alternatives (N) and one horticultural plant alternative for every invasive plant to be avoided, but there are many other alternatives that may be suggested by your local nursery or by contacting the Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan.

For more information on the invasive plants listed below, additional alternative plants, or sources for or information on the safe alternatives, please contact the Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan at: (306) 668-3940 or info@npss.sk.ca



Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan

Helpful Websites:

Native plants and gardening – www.npss.sk.ca
Weeds – www.saskinvasives.ca



SASKATCHEWAN INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Seed Packets

Don't Grow These!

"Wildflower" seed mixes

Wildflower seed mixes do not mean that the seeds are of native plants, or even that they were produced in Canada. Worse yet, many wildflower seed packages do not list the plant seeds that they contain, and many contain very weedy plant seeds. Native seed mixes are beautiful, low maintenance and well adapted to our local conditions.

Grow These Instead!

Native seed mixes

Perennials

Don't Grow These!

Baby's breath (*Gypsophila* species)

Blueseed (*Echium vulgare*)

Common barberry (*Berberis vulgaris*)

Common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)

Creeping bellflower
(*Campanula rapunculoides*)

Dame's rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)

Field scabious (*Knautia arvensis*)

Giant hogweed
(*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

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Pearly everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritacea*) - N

Upland white aster (*Solidago ptarmicoides*) - N

Sea lavender (*Limonium latifolium*)

Smooth blue beardtongue (*Penstemon nitidus*) - N

Dotted blazingstar (*Liatriis punctata*) - N

Woodland sage (*Salvia nemorosa*)

Golden currant (*Ribes aureum*) - N

High bush cranberry (*Viburnum opulus*) - N

Haskap (*Lonicera caerulea*) - N

Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) - N

Heart-leaved alexanders (*Zizia aptera*) - N

Morden Eldorado garden mum (*Chrysanthemum x morifolium* 'Morden Eldorado')

Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*) - N

Lungwort (*Mertensia paniculata*) - N

Hosta (*Hosta* species)

Giant hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*) - N

Fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*) - N (spreads)

Garden phlox (*Phlox paniculata*)

Bee plant (*Cleome serrulata*) - N

Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*) - N

Masterwort (*Astrantia major*)

Cow parsnip (*Heracleum maximum*) - N

Red elder (*Sambucus racemosa*) - N

Shieldleaf rogersia (*Astilloboides tabularis*)

Perennials

Don't Grow These!	Grow These Instead!
Himalayan balsam (<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>)	Joe-pye (<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>) - N Spotted touch-me-not (<i>Impatiens biflora</i>) - N (annual) Cardinal flower (<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>)
Orange hawkweed (<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>)	Gaillardia (<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>) - N Philadelphia fleabane (<i>Erigeron philadelphicus</i>) - N Arkwright's campion (<i>Lychnis x arkwrightii</i>)
Oxeye daisy (<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>)	Many-flowered aster (<i>Aster pansus</i>) - N Tufted fleabane (<i>Erigeron caespitosus</i>) - N White swan coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'white swan')
Queen Anne's lace (<i>Daucus carota</i>)	Cow parsnip (<i>Heracleum maximum</i>) - N Colt's-foot (<i>Petasites sagittatus</i>) - N Angelica (<i>Angelica</i> species)
Sea holly (<i>Eryngium planum</i>)	Echinacea (<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>) - N Purple prairie clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>) - N Filigran Russian sage (<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>)
Spurges (<i>Euphorbia esula</i> , <i>myrsinites</i> , <i>cyparissias</i>)	Lance-leaved stonecrop (<i>Sedum lanceolatum</i>) - N Velvety goldenrod (<i>Solidago mollis</i>) - N Common rockrose (<i>Helianthemum nummularium</i>)
St. John's wort (<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>)	Prairie cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla pensylvanica</i>) - N Canada goldenrod (<i>Solidago canadensis</i>) - N Forsythia (<i>Forsythia</i> species)
Teasel (<i>Dipsacus</i> species)	Purple prairie clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>) - N Prairie coneflower (<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>) - N Echinacea (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>)
Toadflax (<i>Linaria</i> species)	Owl's clover (<i>Orthocarpus luteus</i>) - N (annual) Yellow monkey-flower (<i>Mimulus gattatus</i>) - N Snapdragon (<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>)
Wild caraway (<i>Carum carvi</i>)	Cow parsnip (<i>Heracleum maximum</i>) - N Upland white aster (<i>Solidago ptarmicoides</i>) - N Angelica (<i>Angelica</i> species)
Yellow clematis (<i>Clematis tangutica</i>)	Purple clematis (<i>Clematis verticellaris</i>) - N Common hops (<i>Humulus lupulus</i>) - N Other horticultural clematis (<i>Clematis</i> species)

Shrubs and Trees

Don't Grow These!	Grow These Instead!
Caragana (<i>Caragana arborescens</i>)	Shrubby cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>) - N Round hawthorn (<i>Crataegus rotundifolia</i>) - N Currants (<i>Ribes</i> species) - N (some)
European or glossy buckthorn (<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> or <i>R. frangula</i>)	Chokecherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>) - N Saskatoon (<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>) - N Black chokeberry (<i>Photinia melanocarpa</i>)
Russian or autumn olive (<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> or <i>E. umbellata</i>)	Nannyberry (<i>Viburnum lentago</i>) - N Canada buffaloberry (<i>Shepherdia canadensis</i>) - N Willow (<i>Salix</i> species) - N (some)
Sea buckthorn (<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>)	Thorny buffaloberry (<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>) - N Wolf willow (<i>Elaeagnus commutata</i>) - N Mountain ash (<i>Sorbus</i> species) - N (some)
Siberian elm (<i>Ulmus pumila</i>)	Green alder (<i>Alnus crispa</i>) - N Manitoba maple (<i>Acer negundo</i>) - N Hackberry (<i>Celtis</i> species)
Tamarisk, salt cedar (<i>Tamarix</i> species)	Rocky mountain juniper (<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>) - N White meadowsweet (<i>Spiraea alba</i>) - N Goldflame spirea (<i>Spirea x bumalda</i> 'Goldflame')

Water Plants

Don't Grow These!	Grow These Instead!
European frogbit (<i>Hydrocharus morsus-ranae</i>)	Small pond-lily (<i>Nuphar microphylla</i>) - N White water-crowfoot (<i>Ranunculus aquatilis</i>) - N Water lettuce (<i>Pistia stratiotes</i>)
European water-chestnut (<i>Trapa natans</i>)	Yellow water-crowfoot (<i>Ranunculus gmelinii</i>) - N Small pond-lily (<i>Nuphar microphylla</i>) - N Floating marsh marigold (<i>Caltha natans</i>) - N
Flowering rush (<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>)	Joe-pye (<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>) - N Narrow-leaved cotton grass (<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>) - N Swamp milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)
Parrot feather (<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>)	Hornwort (<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>) - N Northern water-milfoil (<i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>) - N Canada waterweed (<i>Elodea canadensis</i>) - N
Purple loosestrife (<i>Lythrum</i> species)	Meadow blazingstar (<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>) - N Giant hyssop (<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>) - N Spike speedwell (<i>Veronica spicata</i>)
Yellow flag iris (<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>)	Blue flag iris (<i>Iris versicolor</i>) - N Sweet flag (<i>Acorus americanus</i>) - N Butter and sugar iris (<i>Iris</i> 'Butter and Sugar')
Yellow floating heart (<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>)	Yellow pond lily (<i>Nuphar variegata</i>) - N Marsh marigold (<i>Caltha palustris</i>) - N Horticultural water lilies (<i>Nymphaea</i> species)