



# Bird-Friendly Alternatives to Recently-Banned Invasive Plants

In Pennsylvania, invasive species cause over \$100M in damages each year and degrade wildlife habitat. From 2021-2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture banned the following invasive species from sale due to their economic and ecosystem impacts.

With over 2,000 plants native to the state, there are many bird- and pollinator-friendly options to choose from when replacing recently-banned invasive plants.

## REPLACE BANNED INVASIVES

### JAPANESE BARBERRY

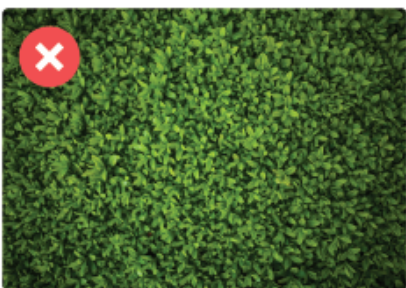
*Berberis thunbergii*



- Acts as a “nursery” for ticks
- Noxious weed
- Banned for sale in PA as of 10/2023

### PRIVET

*Ligustrum species*



- Noxious weed
- Banned for sale in PA; grace period thru 1/2025
- Suckers readily & difficult to remove

## WITH THESE BIRD-FRIENDLY NATIVE ALTERNATIVES

### INKBERRY

*Ilex glabra*



- Compact, upright evergreen shrub with 4-season interest
- Red berries add winter interest & attract birds

### BAYBERRY

*Myrica pensylvanica*



- Good for hedge & specimen planting
- Fruit adds winter interest & attracts birds
- Semi-evergreen

### VIRGINIA SWEETSPIRE

*Itea virginica*



- Red-orange fall color
- Long tassels of fragrant, showy white flowers attract pollinators
- Tolerates clay soil

### SPICEBUSH

*Lindera benzoin*

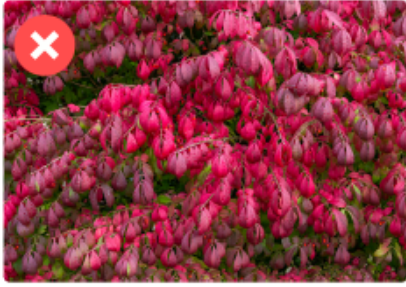


- Early spring yellow blooms
- Yellow fall foliage
- Bright red fruit attracts birds

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### BURNING BUSH

*Euonymus alata*



- Noxious weed
- Banned for sale in PA; grace period thru 1/2025
- Spreads prolifically through seeds

### BUCKTHORN

*Rhamnus cathartica*



- Noxious weed
- Banned for sale in PA
- Spreads rapidly, displacing other garden plants

### BRADFORD PEAR

*Pyrus calleryana* 'Bradford'



- Fast-growing with weak trunk, creates property damage hazard
- Banned for sale in PA starting 2/2024

## WITH THESE BIRD-FRIENDLY NATIVE ALTERNATIVES

### RED CHOKEBERRY

*Aronia arbutifolia*



- Brilliant red fall foliage
- Berries attract birds
- White spring flowers attract pollinators
- Unique bark

### NINEBARK

*Physocarpus opulifolius*



- Attracts butterflies & other pollinators
- Long-lasting fruit loved by birds
- Exfoliating bark

### ALTERNATE LEAF DOGWOOD

*Cornus alternifolia*



- Berries attract birds & flowers attract pollinators
- Red fall color
- Good specimen plant

### BLACKHAW VIBURNUM

*Viburnum prunifolium*



- Blue-black berries follow showy white flowers
- Red-purple fall foliage
- Songbirds love fruit
- Dry-moist soils

### FLOWERING DOGWOOD

*Cornus florida*



- Iconic showy flowers in spring
- Red fruit attracts birds
- Scarlet to purple fall foliage
- Plant in group or individually

### REDBUD

*Cercis canadensis*



- Brilliant pink early spring blooms
- Good specimen tree
- Attracts hummingbirds, songbirds, & pollinators

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