Gardening Wisely

Many gardeners have an obsession with nature and want their gardens to look like the landscape in nature. This can be a big mistake. Natural areas need to be protected and managed by professionals. If you are interested in learning more about native plants, contact your local park authority. You can also work with local groups that are interested in the health of our environment. Invasive plants may:

- introduce disease and/or hybridize with native plants resulting in genetic contamination and reduced vigour;
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- grow rapidly and out-compete native plants;
- diminish wildlife habitat and remove resources (e.g. food) that wildlife depend on.

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Is there more that you can do?

• Lower the number of invasive plants and shrubs. Avoid all shrubs in this list, as they are an example of invasive plants that are too common in our region.

• Ensure that nurseries are not selling or removing invasive plants from their stock lists.

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Additional Resources

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