

Escaped Ornamentals

Is your garden harboring environmental pollutants?

What is the Problem?

Invasive weeds have negative environmental, economical, recreational, & public health impacts.

Many escaped exotic species are able to out-compete native plants for natural resources.

There are over 5,000 escaped plant species in the United States, many of them are escaped ornamentals.

In Washington State, approximately 50% of our noxious weed list consists of escaped ornamentals.

What can you do?

Be aware of what you plant.

Assess the invasive potential of a plant prior to planting; keep in mind the sensitive natural areas beyond your garden or yard.

Follow prohibited plant laws in your area.

Remove plants that are reseeding outside of intended areas.

Do not share plants that are overrunning your yard.

Never dispose of aquatic plants in waterways including ditches, natural ponds and or rivers.

Dead-head (remove seed pods) plants and throw them in the trash.

Do not Compost weeds, many invasive weeds will continue to grow after composting.



Giant Hogweed
(*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)



English Ivy
(*Hedera hibernica* 'Hibernica',
Hedera helix 'Baltica', 'Pitsburgh' & 'Star')



Butterfly bush
(*Buddleia Davidii*)



English Holly
(*Ilex aquifolium*)



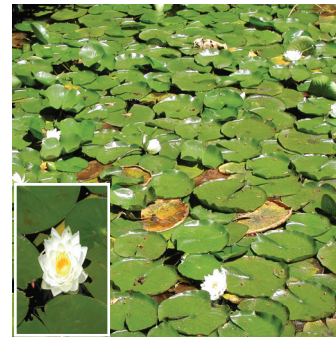
Yellow Flag Iris
(*Iris pseudacorus*)



Purple loosestrife
(*Lythrum salicaria*)



Large knotweeds
(*Polygonum spp.*)



Fragrant Waterlily
(*Nymphaea odorata*)



Fennel
(*Foeniculum vulgare*)



Scotch Broom
(*Cytisus scoparius*)

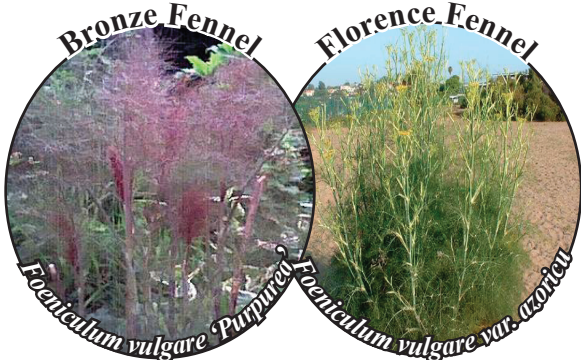
Some Selected alternatives for 5 Invasive Ornamentals



Some Alternatives to Yellow Flag Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)



Some Alternatives to Invasive Ivies (*Hedera helix* & *Hedera hibernica*)



Some Alternatives to Sweet Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)

For more information on these and other alternative plants go to WWW.nwcb.wa.gov Look under plant information, Invasive ornamentals.



Some Alternatives to English Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)



Some Alternatives to David's Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*)

The Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association has created a Taskforce to address invasive horticultural plants. The Taskforce has endorsed an assessment process for determining plant invasiveness based on three major criteria: 1) its impact on ecosystems; 2) its invasive traits such as runners, seeds, potential for human dispersal, etc.; and, its actual distribution over various ecosystems particularly those of Western Washington. Additional plants will be assessed as time allows.

Ask your nursery for information about alternatives to invasive plants.

Participating retail nurseries:
McComb Road Nursery, Sequim,
Molbaks Nursery, Woodinville

Participating retail nurseries:
Wells Medina Nursery, Medina,
Wight's Home & Garden, Lynnwood,