

Invasive Ground Covers to Avoid/Remove

- [Ajuga/Carpet Bugle](#) (*Ajuga reptans*)
- [Creeping Jenny](#) (*Lysimachia nummularia*)
- [English Ivy](#) (*Hedera helix*)
- [Goutweed/ Bishop's Weed](#) (*Aegopodium podagraria*)
- [Japanese Pachysandra/Spurge](#) (*Pachysandra terminalis*)
- [Liriope/Lilyturf](#) (*Liriope spicata* & *L. muscari*)
- [Periwinkle](#) (*Vinca minor* & *V. major*)
- [Winter Creeper/Creeping Euonymus](#) (*Euonymus fortunei*)

Native Ground Covers for Sun

Low-Growing Perennials (1 foot and under, in bloom sequence)

- [Moss Phlox](#) (*Phlox subulata*)
- [Wild Pink](#) (*Silene caroliniana*)
- [Plantain-leaved Pussytoes](#) (*Antennaria plantaginifolia*)
- [Blue-eyed Grass](#) (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*)
- [Eastern Prickly Pear](#) (*Opuntia humifusa*)
- [Heath Aster](#) (*Symphyotrichum [Aster] ericoides* 'Snow Flurry')

Taller Perennials (1 foot or taller, in bloom sequence)

- [Robin's Plantain](#) (*Erigeron pulchellus*) [biennial]
- [Lyre-leaf Sage](#) (*Salvia lyrata*)
- [Threadleaf Coreopsis](#) (*Coreopsis verticillata*)
- [Clustered Mountain-mint](#) (*Pycnanthemum muticum*)
- [Rough-stemmed Goldenrod](#) (*Solidago rugosa*)
- [Blue-stemmed Goldenrod](#) (*Solidago caesia*)
- [False Goldenrod](#) (*Solidago sphacelata* 'Golden Fleece')
- [Aromatic Aster](#) (*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*)

Grasses & Rushes

- [Little Bluestem](#) (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
- [Common or Soft Rush](#) (*Juncus effusus*)
- [River Oats](#) (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)



Woody Plants

- [Creeping Juniper](#) (*Juniperus horizontalis*)
- [Fragrant Sumac](#) (*Rhus aromatica* 'Gro-Low')
- [Shrubby St. John's-wort](#) (*Hypericum prolificum*)
- [Redcedar 'Grey Owl'](#) (*Juniperus virginiana* 'Grey Owl')

Native Ground Covers for Sun to Shade (in bloom sequence)

- [Native Violets](#) (*Viola sororia*, *V. pubescens*, *V. striata*)
- [Golden Ragwort](#) (*Packera aurea*)
- [Golden Alexanders](#) (*Zizia aurea*)
- [Hairy Alumroot](#) (*Heuchera villosa* 'Autumn Bride')

Native Ground Covers for Shade

Low-Growing Perennials (1 foot and under, in bloom sequence)

- [Allegheny Spurge](#) (*Pachysandra procumbens*)
- [Dwarf Crested Iris](#) (*Iris cristata*)
- [Wild Ginger](#) (*Asarum canadense*)
- [Barren Strawberry](#) (*Geum fragarioides*)
- [Creeping Phlox](#) (*Phlox stolonifera*)
- [Wild Stonecrop](#) (*Sedum ternatum*)
- [Green-and-Gold](#) (*Chrysogonum virginianum*)
- [Foamflower](#) (*Tiarella cordifolia*)
- [Partridge-berry](#) (*Mitchella repens*)

Taller Perennials (1 foot and taller, in bloom sequence)

- [Jacob's Ladder](#) (*Polemonium reptans*)
- [Mayapple](#) (*Podophyllum peltatum*)
- [White Wood Aster](#) (*Eurybia divaricata*)

Ferns

- [Christmas Fern](#) (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)
- [Marginal Wood Fern](#) (*Dryopteris marginalis*)
- [Ostrich Fern](#) (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)



Grasses & Sedges

- [Pennsylvania Sedge](#) (*Carex pensylvanica*)
- [Appalachian Sedge](#) (*Carex appalachica*)
- [Plaintain-leaved Sedge](#) (*Carex plantaginifolia*)
- [Bottlebush Grass](#) (*Elymus hystrix*)

Woody Plants

- [Virginia Creeper](#) (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

See the [Plant NOVA Natives](#) website for sources of native plants.

