

Common Aggressive Natives

Native plants help pollinators, watersheds, and soil. But, when we plan our landscapes, these plants can sometimes make extra work for us to control in our designed gardens. Proceed with caution.



Common Milkweed

Asclepias syriaca

Prolific self-seeder

Alternatives:
Showy Milkweed
Swamp Milkweed



Canada Goldenrod

Solidago canadensis

Prolific self-seeder that flops

Alternatives:
Stiff Goldenrod



New England Aster

Symphotrichum novae-angliae

Prolific self-seeder that flops

Alternatives:
Aromatic Aster
Sky Blue Aster



Boneset

Eupatorium perfoliatum

Prolific self-seeder

Alternatives:
Joe Pye Weed



Ostrich Fern

Matteuccia struthiopteris

Rapidly colonizes with rhizomes

Alternatives:
Cinnamon Fern
Lady Fern



Obedient Plant

Physostegia virginiana

Rapidly colonizes with rhizomes and flops

Alternatives:
Rose Turtlehead
Blue Vervain



Indian Grass

Sorghastrum nutans

Prolific self-seeder that flops

Alternatives:
Switch Grass



Big Bluestem

Andropogon gerardii

Prolific self-seeder that flops

Alternatives:
Little Bluestem

