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

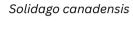


Asclepias syriaca

Prolific self-seeder

Alternatives: Showy Milkweed Swamp Milkweed

Canada Goldenrod



Prolific self-seeder that flops

Alternatives: Stiff Goldenrod

New England Aster



Symphyotrichum 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