

How To Identify Invasive Plants and Use Native Plants Instead

1. To identify if a plant of concern is an invasive or native, please use the following app Outsmart developed by the University of Massachusetts.

Outsmart App How-To's | UMass Amherst MassWoods

2. To learn about native plants, alternatives to invasives and how to support biodiversity in your garden, check out one of the following guides. If you have questions, please contact us at conservationcommission@norfolkct.org.

a) This short 2 page brochure *Invasive Plants* from Native Plant Trust of New England is an excellent primer on native plants that are good alternatives to invasives.

[invasive plants - Native Plant Trust](#)

b) This slide show from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, *Bring Wildlife to Your Yard With Native Plants*, provides simple information on adding natives to your garden, how to care for native plants, and some benefits.

[Bring Wildlife to Your Yard with Native Plants - CT.gov](#)

c) This beautiful hand illustrated brochure *Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden* from the Pollinator Partnership and the U.S. Forest Service, is a more informative and detailed hand-out on wildlife that benefit from native plants, and how to attract them to your yard.

[Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden Using Native Plants](#)