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NATIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR INVASIVE SHRUBS



Spicebush



Lindera benzoin

Japanese Barberry was recently listed as a noxious weed in West Virginia. Replace invasive barberry bushes with native shrubs like Spicebush or Hillside Blueberry for great fall color, berries for wildlife, and no thorns!

Japanese Barberry



Berberis thunbergii



Black Chokeberry



Aronia melanocarpa, arbutifolia

Both Black and Red Chokeberry are fruiting shrubs that provide excellent food and cover for wildlife. They do best in wetter soils, so for a more drought-tolerant alternative to autumn olive, consider Deerberry.

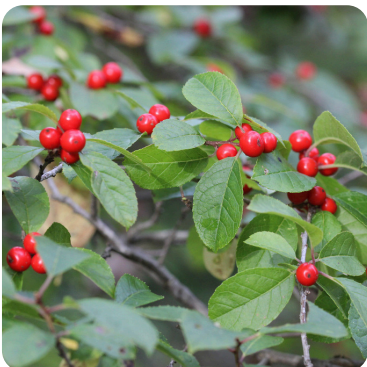
Autumn Olive



Elaeagnus umbellata



Winterberry



Ilex verticillata

Morrow's Honeysuckle



Lonicera morrowii

Winterberry is a holly relative that provides lots of red berries for wildlife in winter (hence the name), making it an excellent alternative to non-native bush honeysuckles and other invasive fruiting shrubs.

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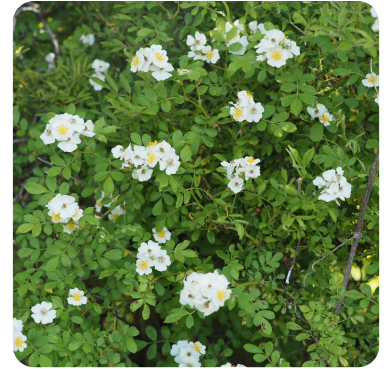
Pasture Rose



Rosa carolina

Multiflora Rose is a rapidly spreading invasive shrub that has taken over many areas in West Virginia. Pasture Rose is a native alternative with large pink flowers. For a less thorny option, consider Black Haw.

Multiflora Rose



Rosa multiflora



Black Haw



Viburnum prunifolium

Black Haw is an excellent native shrub that provides beautiful creamy-white flowers in spring that give way to blue-black fruits in fall. For an evergreen shrub to replace privet in landscaping, consider Mountain Laurel.

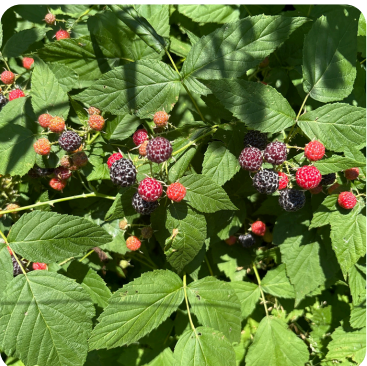
Privet



Ligustrum spp.



Black Raspberry



Rubus occidentalis

There are plenty of native brambles in West Virginia to choose instead of Wineberry. Consider Black Raspberry for delicious fruit and purplish canes that provide winter interest along with cover for nesting birds.

Wineberry



Rubus phoenicolasius

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New Jersey Tea



Ceanothus americanus

For a shrub with showy flowers, consider New Jersey Tea instead of the invasive Japanese Spiraea. This shrub has fragrant flowers and light yellow stems for winter interest. A native Spiraea like Meadowsweet is another option.

Japanese Spiraea



Spiraea japonica



Buttonbush



Cephalanthus occidentalis

Butterflybush is not a host plant for any native caterpillars and is becoming invasive in many areas. Choose a native shrub like Buttonbush instead, which can support our native pollinators as both larvae and adults.

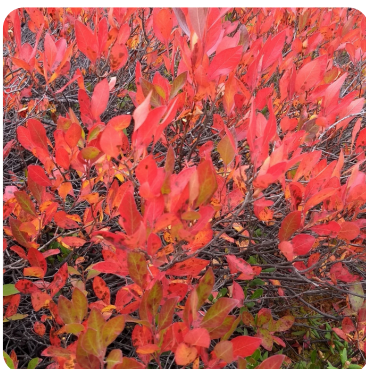
Butterflybush



Buddleja davidii



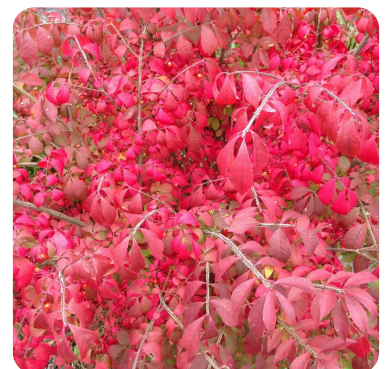
Black Huckleberry



Gaylussacia baccata

For a shrub with excellent fall color and berries for wildlife, consider Black Huckleberry instead of the invasive Burningbush. Another option is a native Euonymus like Hearts-a-Bustin or Eastern Wahoo.

Burningbush



Euonymus alatus