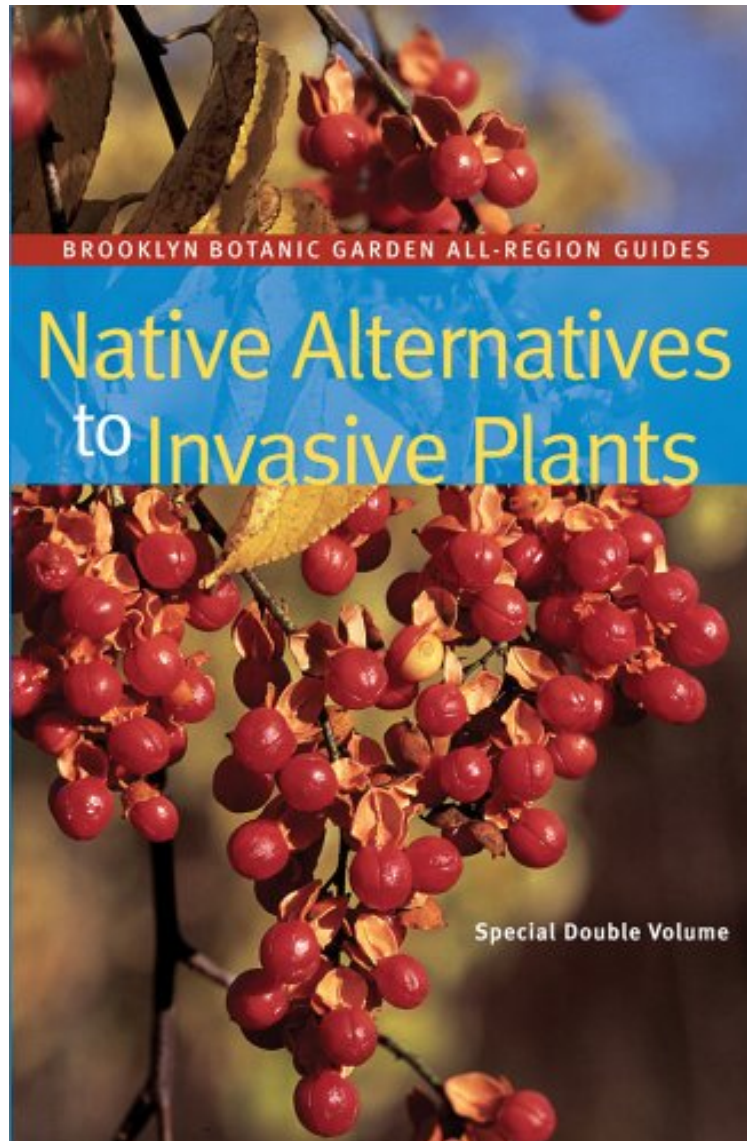


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C. Colston Burrell : Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants (Brooklyn Botanic Garden All-Region Guide) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants (Brooklyn Botanic Garden All-Region Guide):

87 of 89 people found the following review helpful. One to buy By D Darkman I typically take books like this out of the local library when I need them, but I've bought this one, because of a combination of factors: low price, great

readability, good pictures, good comprehensive overview of the plants. It is not really useful to me in quite the way the authors might have intended, that is, "Don't buy plant X, buy plants Y or Z or W instead..." One's likes/dislikes for plants can be so finessed, that I don't think anyone else could choose substitutes like that for what I might like. Rather, I just use it to read about the native plants (which is 98% of the book anyway -- it gives very little or no description of the "bad invasive" plants, doesn't explain why or how they're invasive... you must take on faith that those plants are bad.) The book is primarily an inexpensive, well-written description of native plants you should like to use, rather than describing invasives. Very, very good descriptions of the plants, from authors who not only know the plants well, but can pick out the very specific things about each plant that a gardener will like to know when cultivating them. E.g. "can't tolerate extreme heat" or "goes dormant if no moisture" or "has a long taproot so once established shouldn't be moved" -- these are the specifics about plants you've really got to know, and this book seems to tell me much more of those details than others like it. It's another of many great books from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Incidentally, it's not just for east coasters... seems to cover the entire country and all zones fairly well. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. so many of the recommendations in the book will have little value to most readers except for the pretty pictures. It would be much better if the authors had chosen to publish multiple books, each with recommendations for a limited range of growing zones, so that residents of those zones could select the book that would be most appropriate for their location. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great Reference Book for Native Alternative Plantings By Juju Best book I've seen so far that gives lists of native plants with characteristics similar to the non-native, invasive plants gardeners often plant. Many reference books listed in back for further reading as well. Many books list all the invasive species, but gardeners like to plant them because, well, they're pretty! Often, there is a North American native alternative available that is good/safe for the environment and just as pretty or functional, but average gardeners just didn't ever hear about them. Our ancestors brought many of these plants with them from Europe to remind them of home in the big, unfamiliar wilderness, but these plants have no native checks on them and have caused harm to the environment. This book will undoubtedly help any gardener toss off the fear that "Going Native" in their gardens means going weedy or for less floriferous plants. Book gives several alternatives for most plants so there is much variety from which to choose. One of the best guides I've seen to date.

The biggest enemy of any garden is not a pest, disease, or poison it's any plant with tougher survival skills than the plants it competes with. The best way to weed out the invaders is with this fiendishly clever guide to native plants that can seek and destroy the top 100 most unwelcome perennials, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees. While replacing the invaders, the beautiful, hardy native plants described here also attract native birds and butterflies, while turning away their own enemy invaders. Word-and-picture guides provide tips on care and maintenance, while helpful at a glance boxes depict shapes, sizes, best locations, and most attractive features of each native alternative.