



Invasive Out



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Native In



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Asiatic Bittersweet *Celastrus orbiculatus*

- Designated by the State of Maine as “Severely Invasive”
- Leaves of this aggressive vine emerge very early in the spring, then remain very late in the fall, turning bright yellow
- Seed capsules in fall are yellow and orange
- Easily identified by its bright orange roots

Virginia Creeper *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*

- Native to Eastern N.America
- A vigorous climbing vine or luxuriant green ground cover having 5 leaflets palmately radiating from each leaf stem.
- Brilliant red and purple early fall color
- A very vigorous vine that grows well in most soils in sun to shade
- Pollinated by native bees, wasps, ants

Resources and other native to North America plant choices

Virgins Bower – *Clematis virginiana*, Native to N. America, Shrubby-vine climbs quickly to 10-20’, fragrant white flowers in late summer, then fluffy seed heads, prefers rich, moist soil, in sun to part shade.

(<https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/species/clematis/virginiana/>)

Dutchman’s Pipe -- *Aristolochia durior* (aka: *Aristolochia macrophylla*), Native to Eastern US, Picturesque woody vine with 5-8” heart-shaped leaves, twists its trunk around its sturdy support in full sun or part shade. Unusual pipe-shaped flower pollinated by flies, then cylindrical 3-4’ green seed capsule ripening to dark grey. Host to pipevine swallowtail (blue swallowtail) butterfly.

(https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=arma7)