

# AUSTIN'S TOP INVASIVE PLANTS TO AVOID

Invasive plants spread into areas where they are not native. Their introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

The following plants have already invaded preserves and greenbelts in Austin. They are easily transported long distances and by seeds, berries, and spores. For more information about Austin's invasive species, visit [www.AustinTexas.gov/invasive](http://www.AustinTexas.gov/invasive).

Common Name	Botanical Name	Non-Invasive Alternatives
Bermudagrass, Common	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Hybrid Bermudagrasses (with sterile seeds)
Catclaw Vine	<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>	Carolina Jessamine, Crossvine
Chinaberry	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Chinquapin Oak, Texas Red Oak
Chinese Parasol Tree	<i>Firmiana simplex</i>	Arizona Cypress
Chinese Pistache	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Chinquapin Oak, Texas Red Oak
Chinese Tallow	<i>Triadica sebifera</i>	Bigtooth Maple, Texas Redbud, Red Oak
Chinese Wisteria	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Passion Vine
Elephant Ear	<i>Colocasis esculenta</i>	Arrowhead, Crinum Lily, Tuckahoe
Golden Bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	Evergreen Yaupon, Bamboo Muhly
Japanese Hollyfern	<i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>	River Fern
Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Coral Honeysuckle
Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	Little Bluestem, Bushy Bluestem
Kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i>	Virginia Creeper
Lilac Chaste Tree	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	Mexican Buckeye
Paper Mulberry	<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>	Cherry Laurel, Texas Persimmon
Photinia, Red Tip	<i>Photinia x fraseri</i>	Cherry Laurel, Possumhaw, Silktassel
Photinia, Taiwanese	<i>Photinia serratifolia</i>	Cherry Laurel, Possumhaw, Silktassel
Privets, Large Leaf	<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> , <i>L. lucidum</i> , <i>L. vulgare</i>	Cherry Laurel, Yaupon
Privets, Small Leaf	<i>Ligustrum quhoui</i> , <i>L. sinense</i>	Possumhaw, Wax Myrtle, Yaupon
Sacred Bamboo	<i>Nandina domestica</i>	Bush Germander, Texas Sage
Scarlet Firethorn	<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Evergreen Sumac, Yaupon
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Chinquapin Oak, Lacey Oak

These plants travel by runners and rhizomes and can invade nearby or "downstream" areas. Avoid planting near parks and preserves.

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English Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Leadwort Plumbago, Mountain Pea
Vinca	<i>Vinca major &amp; V. minor</i>	Leadwort Plumbago, Mountain Pea
Wisteria (non-native species)	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i> , <i>W. floribunda</i>	Passion Vine



## Already have these plants?

Control by trimming back berries, seed heads, or runners.

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