WHAT ARE INVASIVES?

Invasive plants are plants that are alien to an ecosystem, usually imported from another country.

Rosa rugosa

Japanese Knotweed

Oriental Bittersweet

Mile-a-minute vine

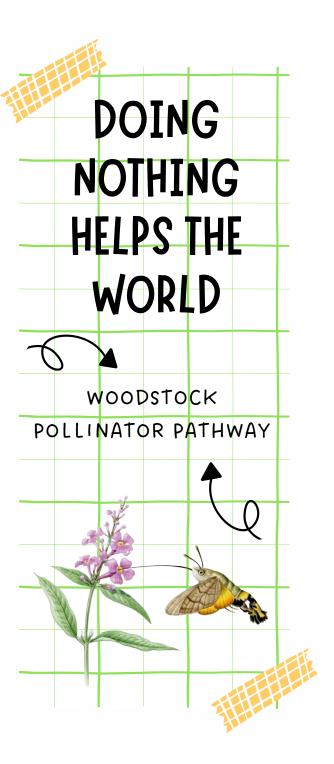
Japanese Barberry

Generally invasives grow more quickly than native plants, have aggressive root systems and a higher number of seeds. They even kill trees!



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PART...

of the Pollinator Pathway

Create a way-station for pollinators

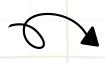
- -- open a BnB for bees
- plant native pollinator-friendly trees, shrubs and perennials
- provide a source of clean water
- leave some dead wood and dirt patches for nesting bees

Rethink your lawn

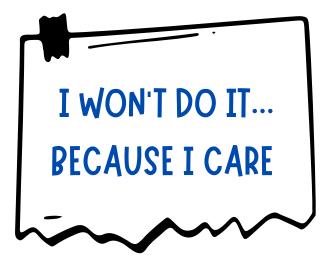
- leave clippings on the grass as fertilizer rather than adding chemicals
- leave the leaves -- many pollinators over winter survive in leaf matter
- mow less often
- reduce lawn size by adding native plants

Change your yard products

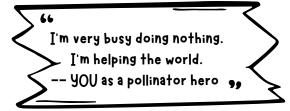
- use slow-release organic fertilizers or none at all
- No need for pesticides! This means a healthy lawn for your children and pets, too!







- I won't use pesticides, fungicides or herbicides.
- I won't mow all of my lawn.
- I won't remove the lawn clippings for the part I do mow.
- I won't rake the leaves in the fall and wait as long as possible in the spring to rake out perennial beds.
- I'll just wait to mulch til early summer.



DO SOMETHING TO HELP THE WORLD

- Remove invasives
- Plant keystone species in groups or masses rather than singular plants

Stiff Leaf Goldenrod & Atlantic Goldenrod

Blue Wood Aster & Smooth Aster

Woodland Sunflower

Black-Eyed Susans

Green-Headed Coneflower

- Buy plants from nurseries that
 have been grown free of pesticides
- Help native pollinators



Ants, Flies & Beetles

Birds & Bats

Butterflies & Moths

Bees & Wasps

