

# Ten Tough New Native Shrub Alternatives for Barberry and Burning Bush



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<p><i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> – buttonbush</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique white flowers attract butterflies</li> <li>• Glossy foliage, reddish fruits, reaches 6'</li> <li>• Found in wet areas but performs well in much drier soils</li> </ul>	<p><i>Comptonia peregrina</i> – sweet fern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scented fern-like foliage</li> <li>• 3' mounded habit</li> <li>• Dry, sun or part shade</li> <li>• Colonizing and bank stabilizing</li> </ul>
<p><i>Cornus amomum</i> – silky dogwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copious blue fruits, red fall color</li> <li>• Highly adaptable to a range of cultural situations.</li> <li>• Full sun/part shade</li> </ul>	<p><i>Corylus americana</i> – American filbert <i>Corylus cornuta</i> – beaked filbert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foliage shrubs for dry, infertile sites</li> <li>• Full sun to moderate shade</li> <li>• Edible nuts and nice fall color</li> </ul>
<p><i>Diervilla lonicera</i> – northern bush honeysuckle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low, dense, mounded habit, 3'</li> <li>• Reddish new growth</li> <li>• Works in dry shade</li> <li>• Bunches of small yellow flowers June to Oct.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Eubotrys racemosa</i> – sweetbells</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Found in wet areas but performs well in much drier soils</li> <li>• White bell shaped flowers, red fall color</li> <li>• Exhibits good deer resistance</li> </ul>
<p><i>Myrica gale</i> – sweet gale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dense, 3' with candelabra shoots</li> <li>• Scented frosty lime green foliage</li> <li>• Found in wet areas but performs well in much drier soils</li> </ul>	<p><i>Prunus pumila</i> var. <i>depressa</i> – creeping sand cherry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groundcover habit</li> <li>• Widely adaptable to full sun sites</li> <li>• White flowers, orange fall color</li> </ul>
<p><i>Vaccinium staminium</i> – deerberry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bluish foliage, white flowers, red fall color</li> <li>• Dense mounded habit</li> <li>• Adaptable to dry, infertile full sun sites</li> <li>• Some deer resistance</li> </ul>	<p><i>Viburnum acerifolium</i> – maple leaf viburnum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maple like leaves, white flowers</li> <li>• Black fruits, salmon to burgundy fall color</li> <li>• Dry shade</li> <li>• Colonizing</li> </ul>



*Comptonia peregrina*



*Myrica gale*



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