

After you have successfully controlled invasive plants on your land, enjoy the next step: Repopulating with beautiful native plants.

This brochure showcases thirteen native shrubs popular with landowners looking to restore their property.



Pictured above is the Common Buttonbush. It is a multi-stemmed shrub that grows 3 to 10 feet in height and produces a rounded white blossom prized by bees for honey production. Fruit is eaten by ducks and shore birds. It grows best on wet or very moist soil.

## For more information

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West Central Indiana Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)  
317-439-0827

Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society  
[www.inpaws.org](http://www.inpaws.org)

Midwest Invasive Plant Network  
[www.mipn.org](http://www.mipn.org)

IDNR Division of Nature Preserves  
317-232-4052  
[www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve](http://www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve)

Plant Conservation Alliance  
[www.nps.gov/plants](http://www.nps.gov/plants)

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
[www.plant-materials.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.plant-materials.nrcs.usda.gov)

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# Restoring Native Shrubs to Your Land After Controlling Invasives



Red Redosier and Yellow Twig Dogwood planted together as pictured above make a stunning winter display.

Look inside for more suggestions on planting Indiana's most beautiful and common native shrubs.

After invasive plants have been brought under control it is a good idea to restore the area to native plants. Most commonly this is done with shrubs. More detailed information about each can be found on the internet.

Many of the shrubs listed in this brochure are available from the Indiana State Tree Nursery.



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1. **American Hazelnut:** A compact shrub growing to 10 to 12 feet in height and width and produces nuts in September-October that are prized by humans and wildlife.
2. **Virginia Sweetpire:** This shrub grows to be 8 feet tall. Its leaves turn red to purple in fall and remain colorful well into the winter.
3. **Spicebush:** Grows 6 to 12 feet tall and wide. It has yellow leaves in the fall and is home to the Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly. Its scarlet red fruit is a valuable food source for migrating birds.
4. **Smooth Hydrangea:** This native shrub grows up to 6 feet tall and about the same width. It is tolerant of both shade and wet soils. Horticultural varieties with larger blooms are available.
5. **Downy Serviceberry:** This beautiful shrub belongs on any list of desirable plants. It grows from 15 to 25 feet in height and about as wide. It is a prolific bloomer featuring showy white flowers lasting 3 to 4 weeks. Valuable wildlife food.
6. **Elderberry:** Usually grows about 6 to 12 feet tall. The berries set in August last through September if the birds don't get them first. They are prized by over 120 species of birds.
7. **Ninebark:** A 6 to 12 foot high shrub with purple-maroon leaves in late summer and fall. Another plant prized by birds and small mammals. Deer also browse the leaves and twigs.
8. **Black Chokeberry:** This small shrub reaches 3 to 6 feet in height at maturity. The purple-black berries are palatable to birds after a couple of frosts making them a valuable winter food. Leaves are a bright crimson in the fall.
9. **Winterberry:** A 6 – 12 foot tall shrub that grows about anywhere. It is dioecious so both a male and female plant is required for fruit set. The fruits are great for wildlife but poisonous to humans.
10. **Silky Dogwood:** A small (up to 10 feet) shrub with red-purple stems with white flowers and produces bluish fruit prized by birds and small mammals.
11. **Smooth Sumac:** Beautiful fall foliage is a trademark of most sumac species. The fruit stays on into the winter and is an emergency food source for wildlife. Staghorn Sumac is also good.