What Are Exotic, Invasive Plants?

**Exotic**: from another place

**Invasive**: spreading beyond natural control

- Velvetleaf
- Morning Glory
- Nightshade
Native Plants = Deeper Roots
19 packages of “Wildflowers” sold in stores, online, gardening catalogs, given away as fund-raisers, door prizes, thank-you’s

Univ of Washington Study:
8 contained 3-13 invasive species
• 8 had seeds considered noxious weeds
• 1/3 listed no contents
• More than 1/3 had incorrect lists
No to Invasives Yes to Natives

Instead of Purple Loosestrife, native Dense Blazing Star

Instead of Japanese Barberry, Native Blueberry

Instead of Burning Bush, try native Staghorn Sumac

Instead of Dame’s Rocket, Prairie Phlox

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