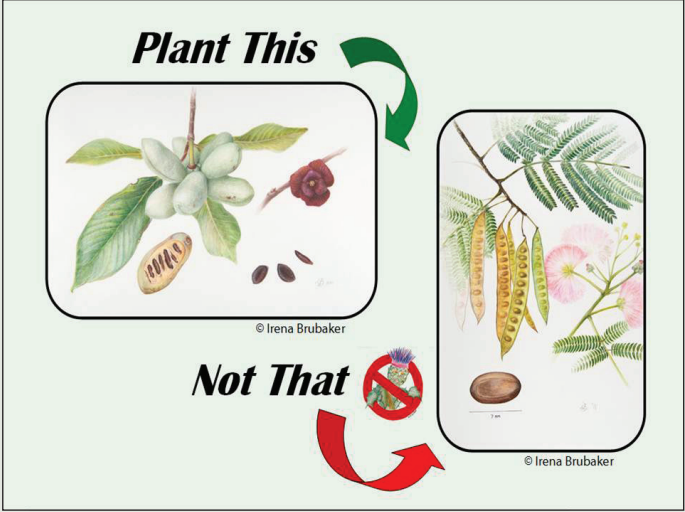


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Native flora is displaced by invasive nandina in Piedmont forests."
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Plant native pawpaw (left) instead of invasive mimosa (right).
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FLORA
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Chinese wisteria creeps over and destroys mature trees: "Oh it's so beautiful, why would one get rid of it?"

In addition to sources of information on exotic invasives on the Garden's website (ncbg.unc.edu.com), an excellent resource for understanding the issues and discovering native alternatives to the "bully" exotics is the "Going Native: Urban Landscaping for Wildlife with Native Plants" website at N.C. State (ncsu.edu/going-native).

The site is engaging and worth exploring. For instance, it says that recent studies indicate that birds nesting in some exotic shrubs experience poor nesting success. And exotic fruits, while attractive to wildlife, may not provide the best nutrition for native wildlife.

You may recall Mary Sonis' beautiful image in *The Citizen's* current issue of

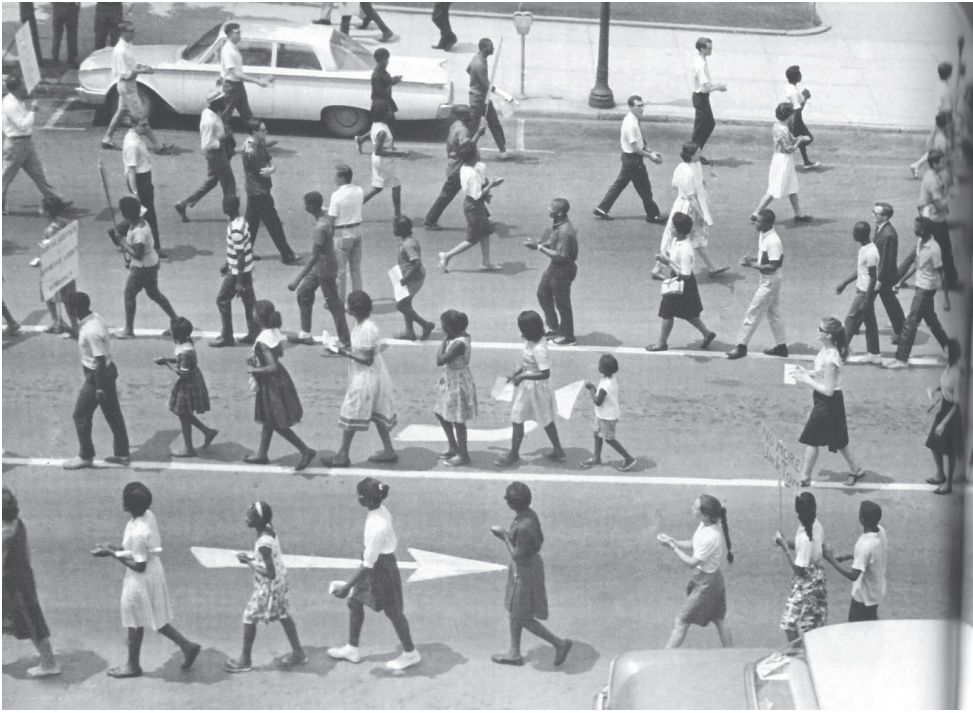
MILL of the cedar waxwing feasting on privet berries along Bolin Creek. Not only may that overabundance of privet berries be providing poor nutrition, those birds are spreading the seed from the digested berries everywhere, which accounts for the impenetrable privet thickets that, along with the thickets of *Eleagnus umbellata*, autumn olive, have so degraded that stream corridor.

My woods-walking buddies Brian and Tony are now referring to these invasive species as "bullies" in the native plant world, and you know what? During our

walks, we frequently stop and grub out these "bullies" when we come upon them. What a great feeling on a recent walk to free some native spicebush from invading eleagnus along a stream bank. We can say we did it for the spicebush swallowtail.

So become aware of which plants are good and which are not and then take action, one plant at a time.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com. Find previous Ken Moore Citizen columns at The Annotated Flora (carrborocitizen.com/flora).



Courage in the Moment

Had it not been for Jim Wallace, I might not have become a photojournalist. During the summer of 1963, Jim, the senior *Daily Tar Heel* photographer, picked me, a rank newbie, to serve as his understudy. The next school year, '63-'64, was a defining moment for the civil rights movement in Chapel Hill, when demonstrators (including the Ik Word guy) picketed and marched for equal public accommodations at local segregated cafes, restaurants and lunch counters. To make this photo, dated Feb. 8, 1964, Jim scampered up the stairs in old Battle-Vance-Pettigrew dorm to get a high oblique view of demonstrators marching up and down Franklin Street in front of the post office. While other shooters took photos of the demonstrations, we wannabes understood that Jim Wallace was THE pre-eminent photojournalist, and his pictorial coverage of the civil rights era in the *DTH* served as a running visual history book of those tumultuous times. So how fitting that all these years later Wallace has put those searing black-and-white images together in a hardcover book, *Courage in the Moment: the Civil Rights Struggle, 1961-1964*, just published by Dover and available at local bookstores. And how additionally satisfying that Jim is back in town this week for book-signings and lectures – including a presentation to a photojournalism class taught by his old mentee. Way to go, Chief!



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