

Deer Resistant Plants

The plant material listed here is highly resistant to browsing by the deer that pass through your garden. However, anyone who gardens where there are deer knows that there is no such thing as deer proof plant material; a hungry deer will eat almost anything. Besides fencing and a regular spray program of deer repellants, the best way to stop deer damage is by having the right selection of plants. By planting a buffer of the more deer resistant plants in the front of the landscape, deer may be discouraged from making their way to your favorite and deer desirable plants. Deer fencing, of course, is the most effective means of control; it is also the least attractive. There is no proven science to keeping these animals out of your landscape when they are hungry, but with proper choices and some planning, you can minimize the damage they do. Best of luck to you, and happy gardening!

Plants Deer Love to Eat

(Avoid planting these unless you protect them!)

Aucuba	English Ivy	Pansies
Asiatic Lilies	Fatsia	Roses
Camellias	Hibiscus	Rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susans)
Candytuft	Hosta	Sedum Autumn Joy
Crabapple	Hyacinths	Tulips
Crocus	Hydrangea	Violas
Daylilies	Indian Hawthorn	

Deer Resistant Annuals

Ageratum	Ipomoea (Morning Glory)
Antirrhinum (Snapdragon)	Lobelia
Begonias	Lobularia (Alyssum)
Brachycome (Swan River Daisy)	Marigolds
Capsicum (Ornamental Peppers)	Melampodium
Catharanthus (Vinca)	Nemesia
Celosia	Nicotiana
Cleome	Nierembergia
Coleus	Pentas
Consolida (Larkspur)	Perilla
Cosmos	Petunias
Cuphea (Mexican Heather, Firecracker Plant)	Plectranthus
Datura	Salvia
Evolvulus (Blue Daze)	Scented Geraniums
Fuschia	Senecio (Dusty Miller)
Helichrysum (Strawflower, Licorice Vine)	Verbena
Heliotrope	Zinnia

Deer Resistant Bulbs

Alliums	Dahlias
Amaryllis	Galanthus (Snowdrops)
Crinum Lily	Lycoris
Cyclamen	Narcissus (Daffodils)

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Deer Resistant Groundcovers

Ajuga
Liriope
Pachysandra

Vinca minor
Vinca major

Deer Resistant Perennials

Achillea (Yarrow)
Aegopodium
Agastache
Alchemilla (Lady's Mantle)
Amsonia
Aquilegia (Columbine)
Armeria
Artemisia
Aruncus (Goatsbeard)
Asarum (groundcover gingers)
Asclepias (Butterfly Weed)
Astilbe
Baptisia
Bignonia (Trumpet Vine)
Brugmansia
Canna
Ceratostigma (Leadwort, Plumbago)
Clematis
Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)
Coreopsis
Dianthus
Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)
Digitalis (Foxglove)
Echinacea
Epimedium
Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed)
Euphorbia
Ferns
Geranium
Hellebores

Iris
Kniphofia (Pokers)
Lamium
Lantana
Lavender
Liatris
Ligularia
Lobelia (Cardinal Flower)
Lonicera (Honeysuckle)
Myosotis (Forget-Me-Nots)
Nepeta
Oenothera
Oregano
Ornamental Grasses
Parsley
Phlox subulata
Peonies
Poppies
Penstemon (Beard-Tongue)
Perovskia (Russian Sage)
Polygonatum (Solomon's Seal)
Rosemary
Salvia
Scabiosa
Solidago (Goldenrod)
Stachys (Lamb's Ear)
Tradescantia (Spiderwort)
Tulbaghia (Society Garlic)
Verbena

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Deer Resistant Shrubs

Deciduous Shrubs

Abelia
Abeliophyllum (White Forsythia)
Aesculus parviflora (Bottlebrush Buckeye)
Barberry
Buddleia
Callicarpa (Beautyberry)
Calycanthus (Sweet Shrub)
Caryopteris
Chaenomeles (Quince)
Clethra
Cotinus coggygria (Smoketree)
Cotoneaster
Deutzia
Forsythia
Hypericum (St. Johnswort)
Itea (Sweetspire)
Kerria
Kolkwitzia (Beautybush)
Nerium (Oleander)
Spirea
Syringa (Lilac)
Tamarix
Viburnum
Vitex
Weigela

Evergreen Shrubs

Barberry (William Penn)
Boxwood
Calluna (Heather)
Cephalotaxus (Plum Yew)
Chamaecyparis
Cytisus (Broom)
Daphne
Eleagnus
Gardenia
Ilex: (Holly)
Helleri
Inkberry
American (opaca)
aquipernyi
Illicium (Anise)
Juniper (Blue Star, Pfitzer)
Leucothoe
Ligustrum
Mahonia
Michelia (Banana Shrub)
Pinus thunbergii (Black Pine)
Pyracantha
Sarcococca (Sweetbox)
Skimmia
Yucca

Deer Resistant Trees

Abies (Fir)
Acer rubrum (Red Maple)
Betula nigra (River Birch)
Cedrus (Deodora Cedar)
Cornus florida (Dogwood)
Cornus kousa (Korean Dogwood)
Ginkgo
Gordonia
Lagerstroemia (Crape Myrtle)

Magnolia
Picea (Spruce)
Pinus sylvestris (Scots Pine)
Pinus strobes (White Pine)
Prunus caroliniana (Cherry Laurel)
Sweetgum
Taxodium distichum (Bald Cypress)