

Deer Resistant Plants

Listed below are plants that are highly resistant to garden-browsing deer. However, anyone who gardens where there are deer, knows that there is no such thing as deer proof material; a hungry deer will eat almost anything. Besides establishing fencing and maintaining a regular spray program of various deer repellants, the best way to stop deer damage is by choosing and having the right selection of plants.

By planting a buffer of the more deer resistant plants in the front of your landscape, (closest to where the deer come) deer may be discouraged from making their way to your favorite and desirable plants. Deer fencing, of course, is the most effective means of control; but it is also the least attractive. There is no proven science to keep these animals out of your landscape when they are hungry but with proper choices and planning, you can minimize the damage they do.

Plants that Deer LOVE to Eat

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

(Avoid planting these unless you protect them!)



See pages 2 and 3
for annuals, bulbs, groundcovers,
perennials, deciduous and evergreen
trees and shrubs that I don't
particularly like to eat.

where the best gardens begin

Deer Resistant Annuals

- Ageratum
- Antirrhinum (Snapdragons)
- Begonias
- Brachycome (Swan River Daisy)
- Capsicum (Ornamental Peppers)
- Catharanthus (Vinca)
- Celosia
- Cleome
- Coleus
- Consolidida (Larkspur)
- Cosmos
- Cuphea (Mexican Heather)
- Datura
- Evolvulus (Blue Daze)
- Fuschia
- Helichrysum (Strawflower)
- Heliotrope
- Ipomoea (Morning Glory)
- Lobelia
- Lobularia (Alysuum)
- Marigolds
- Melampodium
- Nemesia
- Nicotiana
- Neirembergia
- Pentas
- Perilla
- Petunias
- Plectranthus
- Salvia
- Scented Geraniums
- Senecio (Dusty Miller)
- Verbena
- Zinnia

Deer Resistant Bulbs

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

Deer Resistant Groundcovers

- Ajuga
- Vinca minor
- Pachysandra
- 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 (Plumbago)
- Clematis
- Convallaria (Lily of 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

Deer Resistant Shrubs

Deciduous Shrubs	Evergreen Shrubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abelia (St. Johnswort) - 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 - Itea (Sweetspire) - Kerria - Kolkwitzia (Beautybush) - Nerium (Oleander) - Spirea - Syringa (Lilac) - Tamarix - Viburnum - Vitex - Weigela 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barberry (William Penn) - Boxwood - Calluna (Heather) - Cephalotaxus (Plum Yew) - Chamaecyparis - Cytisus (Broom) - Daphne - Eleagnus - Gardenia - Ilex (Hollies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helleri • Inkberry • American - Illicium (Anise) - Juniper (Blue Star) - Leucothoe - Ligustrum - Mahonia - Michelia (Banana Shrub) - Pinus thunbergii (Black Pine) - Pyracantha - Sarcococca (Sweetbox) - Skimmia - Yucca

Deer Resistant Trees

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abies (Fir) - Acer rubrum (Red Maple) - Betula nigra (River Birch) - Cedrus (Deodora Cedar) - Cornus florida (Dogwood) - Cornus kousa (Korean Dogwood) - Gingko - Gordonia - Lagerstroemia (Crape Myrtle) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Magnolia - Picea (Spruce) - Pinus sylvestris (Scots Pine) - Pinus strobes (White Pine) - Prunus caroliniana (Cherry Laurel) - Sweetgum - Taxodium distichum (Bald Cypress)
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