

Deer Resistance

TIPS:

Deer resistant is not deer proof. No plant is deer proof. When hungry, they will eat anything to survive.

Deer will eat almost anything in spring, when there is tender new growth. They especially relish flower buds.

Over fertilized and overwatered plants are particularly lush and appealing to deer.

Plant Type	Seldom to Rarely	Occasional	Frequent	
Trees <i>young trees more at risk.</i> <i>wire caging can help.</i>	Bald Cypress Black Gum Crape Myrtle Eastern Red Cedar Flowering Cherry Ginkgo Pine (species)	Red Buckeye River Birch Southern Magnolia Spruce Sweetbay Magnolia Vitex	Dogwood Holly 'Little Red' Japanese Maple Magnolia 'Jane' Serviceberry Willow Witch Hazel	Arborvitae Cherry Fringe Tree Pear Plum Redbud
Evergreen Shrubs	Abelia Gardenia Inkberry Juniper Leucothoe	Nandina Pieris Plum Yew Yucca	Camellia Japanese Holly	Rhododendron
Deciduous Shrubs	Barberry Beautyberry Butterfly Bush Carolina Allspice Caryopteris Clethra Cotoneaster Fothergilla	Japanese Kerria Lilac 'Miss Kim' Loropetalum Winterberry	Flowering Quince Forsythia Hydrangea Itea Japanese Holly Rose of Sharon Viburnum Weigela	Arborvitae Azaleas Blueberry Rhododendron Rose 'Knockout'
Ornamental Grasses <i>generally have great resistance to deer</i>	Blue Fescue Fountain Grass Indian Grass	Northern Sea Oats Pink Muhly Grass Sedge		
Groundcovers	Ajuga Blue Star Creeper Creeping Raspberry Golden Moneywort Juniper Liriope	Mondo Grass Pachysandra Partridgeberry Thyme Vinca 'minor' Virginia Creeper	Candytuft English Ivy Phlox	
Ferns <i>generally have great resistance to deer</i>	Autumn Christmas Cinnamon Hay-Scented	Japanese Holly Japanese Painted Ostrich		
Vines	Carolina Jessamine Wisteria		Coral Honeysuckle Trumpet Vine	Clematis Ivy
Perennials	Amsonia Angel's Trumpet Artemisia Astilbe Bee Balm Blanket Flower	Hens and Chicks Heuchera Iris Jacobs Ladder Joe Pye Weed Lamb's Ear	Balloon Flower Bellflower Black-eyed Susan Candytuft Hardy Geranium Hibiscus	Daylily Hosta

	Bleeding Heart Butterfly Milkweed Cactus Cardinal Flower Catmint Columbine Coneflower Coreopsis Delphinium Desert Petunia Dianthus 'Firewitch' Dianthus 'Sw William' (bien Dwarf Blue Plumbago Foxglove (biennial) Gaura Germander Green and Gold Hellebore	Lamium Lantana Mexican Bush Sage Mint Obedient Plant Peony Primrose (biennial) Red Hot Poker Red Hot Poker Russian Sage Salvia Snow on the Mountain St. John's Wort Stokes Aster Sunflower Swamp Milkweed Tiarella Yarrow	Hollyhock Ice Plant Iris Penstemon Phlox Sedum Shasta Daisy Speedwell Stoke's Aster Turtlehead Verbena	
Herbs <i>Deer tend to avoid plants with strong fragrances, making herbs a great choice</i>	Anise Hyssop Basil Borage Calendula Chives Dill Fennel Lemon Balm Marjoram	Oregano Parsley Parsley Rosemary Sage Santolina Savory Tarragon Thyme		
Bulbs	Crocsmia		Dahlia	Caladium Lily
Annuals	Ageratum Begonia Cleome Coleus Cosmos Dusty Miller Heliotrope Lantana Lobelia Marigold Melampodium	Nasturtium Pentas Petunia Plectranthus Polka Dot Plant Salvia Snapdragon Taro Verbena Vinca Zinnia	Begonia 'Wax' Dahlia Geranium Portulaca	Celosia Impatiens Pansy Sweet Potato