

DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

These lists are a compilation of the sources listed at the end of the guide. It is important to keep in mind that climate and regional differences may influence actual results. If forced by extreme food shortage conditions, deer will eat nearly any plant.

Plants Found to be Highly Deer Resistant

Shrubs & Trees

American Bittersweet	Common Sassafras	Kousa Dogwood
American Holly	Corkscrew Willow	Mugo Pine
Austrian Pine	Drooping Leucothoe	Norway Spruce
Barberry	English Hawthorne	Paper Birch
Beautybush	European Beech	Pitch Pine
Chinese Holly	European White Birch	Red Osier Dogwood
Chinese Juniper (green)	Flowering Dogwood	Red Pine
Chinese Juniper (blue)	Forsythia	Redvein Enkianthus
Colorado Blue Spruce	Honey Locust	Russian Olive
Common Barberry	Inkberry Holly	Scots Pine
Common Boxwood	Japanese Pieris	White Spruce
Common Lilac	Japanese Wisteria	

Plants with a Moderate Degree of Deer Resistance

Shrubs & Trees

Aaronsbeard (St. John's Wort)	Empress-tree	Ornamental Grasses
Allegheny Serviceberry	English Holly	Osage Orange
American Fringetree	English Lavender	Pale Sweetshrub
American Sweetgum	English Walnut	Palms (esp. Windmill & Needle)
Amur Honeysuckle	European Gooseberry	Panicked Dogwood
Andromeda	European Larch	Paperbark Maple
Anise	European Privet	Paw Paw
Anthony Waterer Spiraea	False Cypress	Persian Lilac
Bald Cypress	Fig	Persian Walnut
Banana Shrub	Firethorn	Pine
Basswood	Fir	Pinxter Azalea
Beautybush	Five Leaf Aralia	Prickly Ash
Black Alder	Flowering Quince	Purple Beautyberry
Black Buckleberry	Fragrant Sumac	Red Bud
Black Locust	Garden Lilac	Red Elderberry
Black Spruce	Gardenia	Red Maple
Blue Spruce	Ginkgo	Red Spruce
Blueberry Elder	Glossy Buckthorn	River Birch
Border Forsythia	Goldenbells	Rockroses
Bottlebrush Boxeye		Rockspray Cotoneaster
Bottlebrush Buckeye	Gordonia	Rose of Sharon
Box Elder	Greenspire Littleleaf Linden	Rosebay Rhododendron
Boxwood	Hackberry	Rotunda Holly
Bradford Gallery Pear	Hardy Orange	Rouen Lilac

Bridalwreath Spirea	Harlequin Glory-bower	Rugosa Rose
Bush Cinquefoil	Hawthorne	San Jose Holly
Butterfly Bush	Hazelnut	Sassafras
Butternut Tree	Heavenly Bamboo	Saucer Magnolia
Cactus	Heritage Birch	Schellings Dwarf Holly
California Bay Laurel	Hinoki False Cypress	Scotch Broom
California Privets	Honeysuckle	Scotch Pine
Carolina Hemlock	Hydrangea	Senna, Cassia
Carolina Rhododendron	Japanese Andromeda	Shadbush
Caryopteris	Japanese Angelica Tree	Silver Maple
Checkerberry	Japanese Barberry	Silverberry
Cherry Laurel	Japanese Beautyberry	Smoke Tree
Chestnut Oak	Japanese Cedar	Smokebush
China Fir	Japanese Flowering Quince	Smooth Hydrangea
China Girl/Boy Holly	Japanese Holly	Snowberry
Chinese Junipers	Japanese Rose	Sorrel Tree
Chinese Paper Birch	Japanese Torreya	Southern Magnolia
Clove Currant	Japanese Tree Lilac	Spicebush
Common Buckthorn	Jasmine	Spindle Tree
Common Catalpa	Jerusalem Thorn	Spirea
Common Horsechestnut	John T. Morris Holly	Spruce
Common Juniper	Judd Viburnum	Staggerbush
Common Ninebark	Juniper	Staghorn Sumac
Common Pear	Kentucky Coffee Tree	Sugar Maple
Common Witch Hazel	Koreanspice Viburnum	Swamp Azalea
Conifers	Large Cranberry	Sweet Cherry
Cotoneaster	Late Lilac	Sweet Clethra, summersweet
Cranberry Cotoneaster	Leatherleaf Mahonia	Sweet Fern
Cranberry	Leatherleaf Virburnum	Sweet Mock Orange
Crape Myrtle	Leucothoe	Sweetbells
Creeping St. John's Wort	Leyland Cypress	Sweetgum
Creeping Wintergreen	Low Sugar Blueberry	Sweetshrub
Cryptomeria	Lydia Morris Holly	Tanbark Oak
Davidia	Magnolia	Tartarian Honeysuckle
Dawn Redwood	Maidenhair Tree	Tree of Heaven
Deciduous Azaleas	Male-berry	Tupelo, Pepperidge
Deerberry	Mallow	Viburnum
Deodar Cedar	Manzanita or Bearberry	Wax Myrtle
Deutzia	Mockorange	Weigela
Devil's Walkingstick	Multiflora Rose	White Fir
Doublefile Virburnum	Myama Privet	White Oak
Douglas Fig	Needle Juniper	White Pine
Downy Serviceberry	Negundo Chaste-tree	White Spruce
Dwarf Alberta Spruce	Nightshade	Wild Lilac
Dwarf Dryland Blueberry	Northern Bayberry	Willows
Dwarf Yaupon Holly	Northern Highbush Blueberry	Winged Euonymus
Eastern Hemlock	Northern Red Oak	Winter Daphne
Eastern White Pine	Oak	Winter Honeysuckle
Edible Figs	Oldfashion Weigel	Yucca, Spanish Bayonet
Eleagnus	Oleander	

Annuals

African Daisy	Heliotrope	Sage and Salvia
Ageratum	Lobelia	Scarlet Sage
Alyssum	Marigold	Snapdragon
Annual Periwinkle	Melampodium	Spiderflower

Blanket Flower
 Blue Saliva
 California Poppy
 Cleome
 Coreopsis
 Cornflower
 Dusty Miller
 Flossflower
 Flowering Tobacco
 Forget-me-not
 Gaillardia

Mimulus. Monkey Flower
 Morning Glory
 Nasturtium
 Panicle Hydrangea
 Parsley
 Pentas
 Plectranthus
 Polka-dot Plant
 Poppy
 Pot Marigold
 Rosemary

Strawflower
 Sweet Basil
 Sweet Pea
 Tickseed
 Trailing Lantana
 Verbena
 Vinca
 Wax Begonia
 Zinnia
 Zonal Geranium

Perennials

Allium
 Aloe
 Alyssum
 Amaryllis
 American Mountain Mint
 Angelica
 Artemesia
 Astilbe
 Astilibe
 Autumn Crocus
 Aven
 Baby's Breath
 Balloon Flower
 Barrenwort
 Basket-of-Gold
 Bearberry
 Beebalm
 Berginia
 Bleeding Heart
 Blue Fescue
 Blue Star Creeper
 Bluebeard
 Bolton's Aster
 Boltonia
 Bugbane
 Bulbous Oat Grass
 Butterfly Weed
 Cactus
 Calamint
 California Fushia
 Calla Lily
 Cardinal Flower
 Catmint
 Catmint
 Catnip
 Chain Fern
 Chinese Silver Grass
 Chives
 Christmas Fern
 Ciemati
 Cinnamon Fern
 Cinquefoil

Fritillary
 Gargen Sage
 Garlic
 Garlic Chives
 Gas Plant
 Gerbera Daisy
 Germander
 Globe Thistle
 Globeflower
 Gloriosa Daisy
 Gloriosa Lily
 Glory Lily
 Goatsbeard
 Golden Ragwort
 Goldenrod
 Hay-Scented Fern
 Heather
 Hellebore
 Hen & Chicks
 Herb of Grace
 Hungarian Speedwell
 Hyacinth
 Interrupted Fern
 Iris
 Italian Bugloss
 Jack-in-the-Pulpit
 Jacob's Ladder
 Japanese Pachysandra
 Joe-Pye Weed
 Lady Fern
 Lady's Mantle
 Lamb's Ear
 Lantana
 Larkspur
 Lavender Cotton
 Lavender
 Lemon Balm
 Lenten Rose
 Lily Leek
 Lily-of-the-Valley
 Lungwort
 Lupine

Pennyroyal
 Peony
 Perennial Blue Flax
 Perennial Sunflower
 Pincushion Flower
 Pinks
 Plumbago
 Plume Grass
 Primrose
 Queen of the Prairie
 Rhubarb
 Ribbon Grass
 Rock-cress
 Rose Champion
 Rosemary
 Russian Sage
 Sage
 Santolina
 Scarlet Sage
 Scillia
 Sea Pink
 Sensitive Fern
 Shasta Daisy
 Showy Sedum
 Siberian Iris
 Siberian Squill
 Silvermound
 Snakeroot
 Snowdrop
 Soapwort
 Society Garlic
 Spiderwort
 Spike Gayfeather
 Spurge
 Squill
 Star of Bethlehem
 Star of Persia
 Statice
 Stella de Oro Daylily
 Stokes Aster
 Summer Snowflake
 Sundrops

Colchicum	Maiden Grass	Sunflower
Columbine	Maltese Cross	Sweet Cindy
Common Dill	Mayapple	Sweet William
Common Thyme	Meadow Rue	Sword Ferns
Coneflower, Purple	Meadow Sage	Tansy
Coral Bells	Mint	Thyme
Cranesbil I(Geranium)	Moneywort	Tiger Lily
Crinum Lily	Monkshood	Toadflax
Daffodil Garlic	Montauk Daisy	Trailing African Daisy
Daffodil	Montbretia	Trillium, Wake Robin
Dahlia	Moss Pinks	Turtlehead
Dame's Rocket	Mother of Thyme	Tussock Bellflower
Daphne	Mountain Bluet	Valerian
Delphinium	Mullein	Wahoo Plant
Devils or Red Hot Poker	New York Fern	Wild Indigo
Dropwort	Northern Sea Oats	Wild Onion
Epimedium	Obedience Plant	Windflower
Euphorbia	Oregano	Winter Heath
Evening Primrose	Oriental Poppy	Winter Savory
False Indigo	Ornamental Chives	Wintergreen
Feather Read Grass	Ornamental Onion	Wire Grass
Ferns	Ornamental Rhubarb	Wood Ferns
Fescues	Ostrich Fern	Wood Rush
Feverfew	Oxalis, Redwood Sorrel	Woodland Phlox
Fleabane	Painted Daisy	Wormwood
Foam Flower	Pampas Grasses	Yarrow
Fountain Grass	Partridgeberry	
Four O'Clocks	Pearly Everlasting	
Foxglove		

Vines & Ground Coverings

Ajuga	Cherokee Rose	Sweet Woodruff
Algerian Ivy	Climbing Hydrangea	Trumpet Creeper
Anemone	Dead Nettles	Trumpetvin
Bittersweet	Goldflame Honeysuckle	Virginia Creeper
Blood Red Trumpet Vine	Myrtle	Wild Ginger
Bugleweed	Pachysandra	Wisteria
Carolina Jessamine	Periwinkle	

Plants Preferred by Deer (aka Deer Candy)

Shrubs, Trees, & Vines

American Arborvitae	Eastern Redbud	Japanese Maple
Apple	English Yew	Japanese Yew
Arborvitae	English/Japanese Hybrid Yew	Manchurian Lilac
Atlantic White Cedar	Euonymus	Merserve Holly
Atlas Cedar	European Mountain Ash	Mountain Laurel
Aucuba	Evergreen Azalea	Nellie Stevens Holly
Balsam Fir	Evergreen Holly	Norway Maple
Blackberry & Raspberry	Evergreen Rhododendron	Pear
Camellia	Florida Azalea	Pink Shell Azalea
Catawba Rhododendron	Frazer Fir	Pinxterbloom Azalea
Cherry	Fringe Tree	Plum
Common Winterberry	Goldenrain Tree	Quince

Cornelian Cherry Dogwood	Hemlock	Rhododendron
Cornelian Dogwood	Highbush Blueberry	Rose
Crabapple	Hybrid Rose	Wintercreeper
Deciduous Azalea	Hybrid Tea Rose	Yew
Eastern Red Cedar	Indian Hawthorn	English Ivy

Annuals

Bright Eyes	Geranium	Sunflower (Mexican)
Dahlia	Hollyhocks	Violas
English Daisy	Impatiens	
Fibrous Begonia	Pansy	

Perennials

Bishop's Weed	Garden Phlox	Lilies
Black-eyed Susan	Golden Sunflower	Periwinkle
Buttercup	Grape Hyacinth	Redbeckia
Candytuf	Hella Lacy	Rose Mallow
Cardinal Flower	Hibiscus	Sedum "Autumn Joy"
Clematis	Hollyhock	Solomon's Seal
Crocus	Hosta (Plaintain Lily)	Spring-flowering Crocus
Daisy	Japanese Painted Fern	Stock
Daylily	Jerusalem Artichoke	Tulip

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