



Deer Resistant Plants

No plants are deer proof. The trick to having a garden in deer country is making sure your garden is not the best buffet in town. The following is a list of plants that have been shown to be resistant, either by vigorous growth to recover from browsing or by unfavorable taste or texture. Deer cannot read, though, so a shortage of forage food can cause deer to devour almost any plants including the ones generally known to be deer resistant.

Trees

Botanical	Common name	Botanical	Common name	Botanical	Common name
Abies	True fir	Crataegus	Hawthorn	Magnolia	Magnolia
Acer spp.	Maple	Diosypros v.	Persimmon	Picea spp.	Spruce
Albizia julibrissin	Mimosa	Eleagnus angustifolia	Russian Olive	Pinus spp.	Pine
Amelanchier alnifolia	Serviceberry	Eucalyptus spp.	Eucalyptus	Podocarpus spp.	Asian Yew
Araucaria araucana	Monkey Puzzle	Fagus spp.	Beech	Prunus serrulata	Flowering Cherry
Arbutus spp.	Strawberry Tree	Ficus carica	Edible Fig	Quercus spp.	Oak
Betula spp.	Birch	Fraxinus	Ash	Rhus spp.	Sumac
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	Katsura	Gingko	Gingko	Robinia pseudiacacia	Black Locust
Cercis spp.	Redbud	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	Salix spp.	Tree Willow
Chamaecyparis	False Cypress	Ilex spp.	Holly	Taxus spp.	Yew
Cornus	Dogwood	Juniperus spp.	Juniper	Trachycarpus fort.	Windmill Palm
		Liquidambar	Sweetgum	Umbellaria calif.	Oregon Myrtle

Vines & Groundcovers

Latin name	Common name	Latin name	Common name	Latin name	Common name
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Kinnikinnick	Galium odoratum	Sweet Woodruff	Solanum spp.	Potato Vine
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	Plumbago	Gelsemium semp.	Carolina Jasmine	Trachelospermum	Star Jasmine
Clematis spp.	Clematis	Gaultheria pro.	Wintergreen	Vinca spp.	Periwinkle
Cymbalaria muralis	Kennilworth Ivy	Jasminium spp.	Jasmine	Viola odorata	Violet
Fragaria chiloensis	Wild Strawberry	Rubus calycinoideis	Creeping Raspberry	Wisteria spp.	Wisteria

Grasses-Most grasses are deer resistant

Carex spp.	Sedge	Festuca spp.	Fescue	Molina spp.	Moor Grass
Cortaderia selloana	Pampas Grass	Miscanthus spp.	Maiden Grass	Stipa spp.	Needle Grass

Ferns

Adiantum	Maidenhair Fern	Athyrium spp.	Lady Fern	Dryopteris spp.	Osmunda regalis	Royal Fern	
Asplenium		Cryptominum	Holly Fern	Osmunda cinn.	Cinnamon Fern	Polystichum spp.	Shield Fern

Annuals & Bulbs

Angel Trumpet-Brugmansia/Datura California Poppy Colchicum- Fall Crocus Dusty Miller Helichrysum-Licorice plant Daffodils

Shrubs

Botanical	Common name				
Abelia gradifolia	Abelia	Cotoneaster spp.	Cotoneaster	Leucothoe font.	Leucothoe
Andromeda polifolia	Bog Rosemary	Daphne spp.	Daphne	Ligustrum spp.	Privet
Berberis spp.	Barberry	Elaeagnus spp.	Silverberry	Mahonia spp.	Oregon Grape
Buddleia spp.	Butterfly Bush	Enkianthus camp.	Red-vein Enkianthus	Myrica californica	Wax Myrtle
Buxus spp.	Boxwood	Erica spp.	Heather	Nandina domestica	Heavenly Bamboo
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	Escallonia spp.	Escallonia	Osmanthus spp.	False Holly
Calycanthus occidentalis	Spice Bush	Euonymous spp.	Euonymous	Phyllostachys spp.	Bamboo
Ceanothus spp.	California Lilac	Fatsia japonica	False Aralia	Pieris japonica	Andromeda
Celastrus scandens	Bittersweet	Fatshedera lizei	Tree Ivy	Potentilla spp.	Potentilla
Chaenomeles japonica	Japanese Quince	Feijoa sellowiana	Pineapple Guava	Punica granatum	Pomergrante
Chamaecyparis spp.	False Cypress	Forsythia spp.	Forsythia	Rhododenron spp.	Rhodies (not Azaleas)
Chamaerops humilis	Fan Palm	Fothergilla gardenia	Fothergilla	Ribes spp.	Currant
Choisya ternate	Mexican Orange	Gaultheria sh.	Salal	Romneya coulteri	Matilja Poppy
Cistus spp.	Rockrose	Hamamelis mollis	Witch Hazel	Rubus odoratus	Thimbleberry
Clethra alnifolia	Summersweet	Holodiscus dis.	Oceanspray	Sambucus spp.	Elderberry
Cornus stolonifera	Twig Dogwood	Juniperus spp.	Juniper	Sarcococca spp.	Sweetbox
Corokia cotoneaster	Wire Bush	Kalmia latifolia	Mountain Laurel	Symphoricarpus alba	Snowberry
Corylus cornuta	Western Hazelnut	Kerria japonica	Cottage Rose	Syringa vulgaris	Lilac
Cotinus coggygria	Smoke Bush	Kolkwitzia amabilis	Beauty Bush	Vaccinium ovatum	Evergrn Huckleberry
		Lagerstroemia spp.	Crape Myrtle	Viburnum spp.	Viburnum

Perennials

Botanical	Common						
Acanthus mollis	Bear's Breeches	Dahlia spp.	Dahlia	Liriope spp.	Lily Turf	Phlomis spp.	Jerusalem Sage
Achillea spp.	Yarrow	Delphinium	Larkspur	Lithodora diffusa	Lithodora	Phlox stolon.	Creep Phlox
Aconitum spp.	Monkshood	Digitalis spp.	Foxglove	Lupinus spp.	Lupine	Phormium	N.Z. Flax
Alchemilla m.	Lady's Mantle	Echinacea	Coneflower	Lychnis coronaria	Lychnis	Rosmarinus	Rosemary
Allium spp.	Onion-Chives	Epimedium	Bishop's Hat	Mentha spp.	Mint	Rudbeckia h.	Black-eye Susan
Aquilegia spp.	Columbine	Erysimum	Wallflower	Monarda spp.	Bee Balm	Salvia spp.	Sage
Arabis spp.	Rockcress	Euphorbia	Spurge	Myosotis spp.	Forget-me-	Santolina spp.	
America spp.	Thift	Euryops		Nepeta spp.	Catnip	Scabiosa spp.	Pincushion
Artemisia spp.	Wormwood	Filipedula	Meadowsweet	Omphalodes spp.	Blue-eyed	Sisyrinchium	Blue-eye Grass
Arum & Asarum		Gallardia	Blanketflower	Ophiopogon spp.	Mondo Grass	Soleirolia sol.	Baby Tears
Aubretia spp.		Helleborus	Hellebore	Opuntia spp.	Prickly Pear	Stachys spp.	Lamb Ears
Calamentha	Cat Mint	Hypericum	St. Johns Wort	Oxalis spp.	Shamrock	Stokesia laevis	Stoke's Aster
Campanula spp.	Bellflower	Iris spp.	Iris	Pachysandra term.	Pachysandra	Teucrium frut.	Germander
Crocsmia spp.	Montbretia	Kniphorfia	Red Hot Poker	Paeonia suff.	Tree Peony	Tolmeia men.	Piggy-back
Cyclamen spp.	Cyclamen	Lamium spp.	Dead Nettle	Papaver spp.	Poppy	Trillium	Wake Robin
		Lavandula	Lavender	Perovskia alt.	Russian Sage	Verbena bon.	Vervain