

DEER RESISTANT PLANTS (and the plants they love)

Deer prefer bland tasting, non-toxic and non-odorous plant material. All of the perennials on our list are either spicy, toxic or aromatic. Whether or not a plant is eaten can also depend on factors external to the plants, such as weather which can cause starvation situations. Deer-resistant plants bring visual pleasure to your garden but be prepared for the frustration of an occasional nibble. No plant is deer-proof. Some factors that allow non-preferred plants such as these to get eaten include succulent new growth, easy availability and familiarity.

These plants are rarely damaged by deer	
botanical name	common name
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry
<i>Berberis spp.</i>	Barberry
<i>Buddleia davidii</i>	Butterfly Bush
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Common Boxwood
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Wintergreen
<i>Leucothoe fontanesiana</i>	Drooping Leucothoe
<i>Picea pungens</i>	Colorado Blue Spruce
<i>Pieris japonica</i>	Japanese Pieris
<i>Betula pendula</i>	European White Birch
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red Osier Dogwood
<i>Crataegus laevigata</i>	English Hawthorn
<i>Daphne spp.</i>	Daphne
<i>Enkianthus campanulatus</i>	Redvein Enkianthus
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	European Beech
<i>Forsythia spp.</i>	Forsythia
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honey Locust
<i>Ilex cornuta</i>	Chinese Holly
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Chinese Junipers
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain Laurel
<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i>	Beautybush
<i>Lavandula spp.</i>	Lavender
<i>Picea abies</i>	Norway Spruce
<i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce
<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Austrian Pine
<i>Pinus rigida</i>	Pitch Pine
<i>Pinus mugo</i>	Mugo Pine
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scots Pine
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Bush Cinquefoil
<i>Salix matsudana tortuosa</i>	Corkscrew Willow
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	Common Lilac
<i>Wisteria floribunda</i>	Japanese Wisteria
<i>Yucca</i>	Yucca

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<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir
<i>Acer spp.</i>	Most Maples
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	Atlantic White Cedar
<i>Clematis spp.</i>	Clematis
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Cornelian Cherry
<i>Euonymus alatus</i>	Burning Bush
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>	Wintercreeper
<i>Malus spp.</i>	Apples
<i>Prunus spp.</i>	Cherries
<i>Prunus spp.</i>	Plums
<i>Rhododendron spp.</i>	Rhodies and azaleas
<i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i>	Catawba Rhododendron
<i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i>	Pinxterbloom Azalea
<i>Rosa (x) hybrid</i>	Hybrid Tea Rose
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	European Mountain Ash
<i>Taxus spp.</i>	Yews
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	English Yew
<i>Taxus cuspidata</i>	Japanese Yew
<i>Taxus (x) media</i>	Hybrid Yew
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	American Arborvitae

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<i>Achillea spp.</i>	Yarrow	<i>Iris siberica</i>	Siberian Iris
<i>Aconitum spp.</i>	Monkshood	<i>Lamium spp.</i>	Dead Nettle
<i>Alchemilla spp.</i>	Lady's Mantle	<i>Lavandula spp.</i>	Lavender
<i>Allium spp.</i>	Flowering Onion	<i>Mentha spp.</i>	Mint
<i>Amsonia spp.</i>	Blue Star	<i>Monarda spp.</i>	Bee Balm
<i>Artemisia spp.</i>	Wormwood	<i>Nepeta spp.</i>	Catnip
<i>Asclepias spp.</i>	Butterfly Weed	<i>Origanum spp.</i>	Oregano
<i>Astilbe spp.</i>	Astilbe	<i>Perovskia spp.</i>	Russian Sage
<i>Calamintha spp.</i>	Calamint	<i>Phlox subulate</i>	Creeping Phlox
<i>Caryopteris spp.</i>	Bluebeard	<i>Rheum spp.</i>	Ornamental Rhubarb
<i>Crococsmia spp.</i>	Montbretia	<i>Salvia spp.</i>	Sage
<i>Delphinium spp.</i>	Delphinium	<i>Saponaria spp.</i>	Soapwort
<i>Dicentra spp.</i>	Bleeding Heart	<i>Solidago spp.</i>	Goldenrod
<i>Digitalis spp.</i>	Foxglove	<i>Stachys spp.</i>	Lamb's Ear
<i>Echinops spp.</i>	Globe Thistle	<i>Tanacetum spp.</i>	Tansy
<i>Galium spp.</i>	Sweet Woodruff	<i>Teucrium spp.</i>	Germander
<i>Geranium spp.</i>	Scented Cranesbill	<i>Thymus spp.</i>	Thyme
<i>Helleborus spp.</i>	Hellebore	<i>Verbascum spp.</i>	Mullein
<i>Hypericum spp.</i>	St John's Wort		