

DEER RESISTANT PLANTS



OR “NO, BAMBI, NO. DON’T EAT MY PLANTS!”

These plants are known to be deer resistant. Remember that deer will taste almost everything (once) and if they are desperate they will eat almost anything. A fence is the most effective solution to deer browsing; large dogs can also help. There are many varieties of most of these plants, so your range of choices is really very broad.

Achillea (Yarrow)	Coreopsis (Tickseed)	Peony
Aconitum (Monkshood)	Cotinus (Smokebush)	Perovskia (Russian Sage)
Agastache	Cotoneaster	Phlomis
Ageratum (annual)	Daffodil	Phormium
Alcea rosea (Hollyhock)	Delosperma (Hardy Ice Plant)	Picea pungens (Spruce)
Alchemilla mollis (Lady's Mantle)	Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)	Pinus mugo (Mugo pine)
Allium (Chives, ornamental onions)	Digitalis (Foxglove)	Prunus (Laurel; Cistena plum)
Aquilegia (Columbine)	Echinacea (Coneflower)	Polemonium (Jacob's Ladder)
Arctostaphylos (Kinnickinick, Manzanita)	Euonymus alatus (Burning Bush)	Potentilla (Cinquefoil)
Artemisia (Mugwort, Wormwood)	Fern	Pyreantha (Firethorn)
Aster	Forsythia	Rosemary
Astilbe	Geranium (Hardy Varieties)	Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan)
Baptisia	Iris (Siberian only)	Salvia (Culinary /Ornamental Sage)
Berberis (Barberry)	Juniperus (virtually all junipers)	Scabiosa (Pincushion)
Bergenia (Pigsqueak)	Kangaroo Apple (annual)	Sedum (Stonecrop)
Bidens (annual)	Lavender	Taxus (Yew)
Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)	Liatris (Gayfeather)	Telekia
Buxus (Boxwood)	Lysimachia	Thalictrum (Meadow Rue)
Cactus	Microbiota decussata (Conifer)	Thyme
Caryopteris (Bluebeard)	Monarda (Bee Balm)	Trees **
Centranthus (Jupiter's Beard)	Nepeta (Cat Mint)	Verbena (annual)
Chamaecyaris (Mops, various evergreens)	Oenothera (Missouri Primrose)	Veronica (Speedwell)
Cordyline	Ornamental Grass...All	Viburnum (Nannyberry)
	Oregano	Vinca (Periwinkle)
	Osteospermum (Hardy African Daisy)	Wisteria
	Papaver (Poppies)	Zauschneria

**Remember to protect young tree trunks from antler damage in fall (wire cage).

Deer Repellant: This recipe has proven effective when sprayed weekly in spring, once every 3 weeks in summer: 3 gallons water, 1 cup beef bouillon (2 cubes), ¼ cup hot oil (veg. oil that has been cooked with red pepper flakes, then cooled & strained), 1 tsp. Chinese hot mustard, 2 eggs, Shure Stick (available at Cenex) or other sticking agent to prevent wash off. We have reports of success with tulips, roses, hostas, etc. using this formula. Apply with backpack sprayer, with care to apply to tasty new shoots. This spray will kill hemlocks, so spray only what needs spraying and watch for any damage. Use at own risk. Spraying is typically unnecessary when using plants listed above.

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