

Deer-Resistant Plants

As much as you love your garden, so do deer—and it can be a constant frustration dealing with them eating your prized plants. Below is our list of recommended deer-resistant plants we offer. While very few plants are totally deer-proof, and even some highly-resistant plants can be appealing to a hungry deer, these plants *in general* have shown better results than most at being unappealing to deer.

Annuals

Ageratum
Alyssum
Dusty Miller
Snapdragon
Basil
Coleus
Dahlia
Geranium
Lantana
Marigold
Primrose
Verbena
Wax Begonia
Zinnia

Grasses

Blue Fescue
Blue Oat Grass
Feather Reed Grass
Fountain Grass
Japanese Blood Grass
Japanese Forest Grass
Pampas Grass
Sedge
Switch Grass

Perennials

Allium
Bleeding Heart
Brunnera
Catmint
Chives
Coreopsis
Hellebore
Iris
Japanese Painted Fern
Lavender
Mint
Peony
Rosemary
Russian Sage
Salvia
Thyme
Agapanthus
Armeria
Aster
Astilbe
Black-Eyed Susan
Crocosmia
Delphinium
Dianthus
Echinacea
Hens & Chicks
Rhubarb
Wisteria

Shrubs

Barberry
Boxwood
Butterfly Bush
Daphne
Heather
Leucothoe
Pieris
Potentilla
Skimmia
Sumac
Beautyberry
Blue Star Juniper
Cotoneaster
Cryptomeria
Dwarf Balsam Fir
False Holly
Forsythia
Laurel
Lilac
Mugo Pine
Rose of Sharon
Spirea
Weigela

Trees

Dwarf Alberta Spruce
Katsura
Flowering Cherry
Jacquemontii Birch
Japanese Maple
Kousa Dogwood
Norway Spruce
Serbian Spruce

Groundcover

Ajuga
Aubretia
Kinnickinick
Candytuft
Gaultheria
Vinca Minor

Bulbs

Daffodil
Snowdrops
Crocus
Hyacinth
Muscari

Key

High Resistance

Moderate Resistance

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