

Deer Resistant Plants

“Plants That Taste Yucky to Bambi”



Annuals

Ageratum
Alcea
Alyssum
Asparagus ferns
Begonia
Brugmansia & Datura
Calla lily
California poppy
Caster bean
Celosia
Centaurea
Cleome
Cosmos
Dahlia
Dusty miller
Foxglove
Gomphrena
Hypoestes
Ipomea
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Lantana
Larkspur
Marigold
Matthiola (Stock)
Melampodium
Mirabilis
Morning glory
Myosotis
Nasturtium
Nicotiana
Papaver (Poppy)
Pelargonium
Salvia-(blue, gregii types)
Snapdragon
Solanum-Jerusalem cherry
Verbena
Zinnia

Perennials

Achillea
Aconitum
Agastache
Alchemilla
Allium
Amsonia
Anemone
Anemonella
Aquilegia
Arabis
Arisaema
Artemisia
Asclepias
Aubretia
Baptisa
Bergenia
Boltonia
Brunnera
Buddleia
Centaurea
Ceratostigma
Cerastium
Chelone
Cimicifuga
Clematis
Colchicum
Convallaria
Coreopsis
Cyclamen
Delosperma
Dicentra
Dictamnus
Digitalis
Dryopteris
Echinacea
Echinops
Epimedium
Eryngium
Eupatorium
Euphorbia
Gaillardia
Geranium
Geum
Grasses-(most)
Gypsophila
Helianthus
Heliopsis
Helleborus
Hemerocallis
Hesperis
Heuchera
Hibiscus
Houttuynia
Iberis
Iris
Kirengeshoma
Kniphofia
Lamium
Lavender
Leucantheum
Liatris
Ligularia
Linaria
Lilium
Limonium
Linum
Lobelia syphilitica
Lupine
Lychnis
Matteuccia
Monarda
Myosotis
Narcissus
Nepeta
Oenothera
Osmunda
Pachysandra
Paeonia

Papaver
Perovskia
Persicaria
Physostegia
Polemonium
Poppy
Potentilla
Primula
Pulmonaria
Ranunculus
Rheum
Rudbeckia
Salvia-aromatic types
Saponaria
Sedum (some)
Silphium
Solidago
Sweet Woodruff
Tanacetum
Thalictrum
Thymus
Tiarella
Verbascum
Vernonia
Veronica
Wisteria
Yucca

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Trees

Fraser Fir
Maples
Shadblow Serviceberry
Pawpaw
Paper Birch
Hornbeam
Cedar
Cypress
Fringe tree
Smokebush
Flowering Dogwood
Korean Dogwood
Hawthorne
European Beech
Ginko
Common Witchhazel
American Holly
Chinese Juniper
Sweet Gum
Southern Magnolia
Mugo Pine
Black Pine
Red Pine
White Pine
Dawn Redwood
Black Gum/Black Tupelo
Sourwood
Norway Spruce
White Spruce
Colorado Spruce
Douglas Fir
Oaks



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Shrubs

Bottlebrush Buckeye
Bearberry
Chokeberry
Barberry
Butterfly Bush
Boxwood
Bittersweet
Beautyberry
Sweetshrub
Blue Mist Shrub
Japanese Plum Yew
Quince
Cypress
Sweet Pepperbush
Smokebush
Cottoneaster
Forsythia
Rose of Sharon
Wintergreen/Checkerberry
St. Johnswort
Inkberry
Juniper (low grow types)
Japanese Kerria
Pea shrub
Drooping Leucothoe
Spicebush
Oregon Grapeholly
Bayberry
Mockorange
Firethorn
Japanese Andromeda Pieris
Cinquefoil
Fragrant Sumac
Willow
Elderberry
Spirea
Snowberry
Lilac
Viburnum
Chase Tree
Weigela
Yucca

Veggies & Herbs

Basil
Chives & Onions
Comfrey
Lavender
Mints
Oregano
Parsley
Perilla
Rosemary
Tansy

Deer really aren't out to destroy your day, they're just hungry. The trick is to make your plants unappetizing to them. There are commercial products that can help, so give them a try.

A home remedy that might work for deer, squirrels and rabbits is:

1 gal. water, 2 T. Tabasco sauce, 2 T. dish soap, 1 t. garlic powder. Spray on plants weekly or after it rains.

Deer use their sense of smell to decide what might taste good. So pick heavily aromatic plants to place all around the yard. It will confuse them. Also bitter, course textured, sticky or prickly leaves send deer to a new restaurant after a few bites.

The listed plants are **usually** deer resistant. Be aware that in the spring most everything tastes good. Please note this list is no guarantee—only some suggestions—for living with native wildlife.

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