

## Deer Resistant Plants

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As our area’s population increases and predators are eliminated, the local black-tail deer are increasing in numbers. Their natural food supply in turn is dwindling. It would be very typical for the deer to turn to what is available in the neighboring gardens. Short of building a 6-8’ solid or wire fence to keep the deer out, you can use the option of planting trees and shrubs that are distasteful to them. But don’t forget that a starving animal will eat almost anything after their favorites are gone! Following is a list of plants that are fairly deer proof:

### Annuals

Ageratum	Cyclamen	Geranium	Myosotis – Forget-Me-Not
Begonia – Tuberous	Dahlia	Heliachrysum	Salvia
Celosia	Dusty Miller	Impatiens	Sanvitalia
Centaurea	Euryops	Limonium	Verbena
Crysanthemum	Felicia	Lobelia	Wallflower
Cosmos	Gaillardia	Lobularia	
California Poppies	Gazania	Mimulus	

### Perennials

Acanthus – Bears Breach	Erigeron – Fleabane	Myosotis – Forget-Me-Not
Achillea – Yarrow	Erodium - Cranesbill	Narcissus – Daffodil
Agapanthus – Lily of the Nile	Erysimum – Wallflower	Nepeta – Catmint
Anemone – Wind Flower	Euphorbia – Spurge	Oregano
Armeria – Sea Thrift	Frittilaria – Snakeshead	Papaver orientale – Poppy
Artemesia – Mugwort	Gallium odoratum – Sweet Woodruff	Phlox
Aster	Gunnera – Dinosaur Food	Plumbago – Leadwort
Astilbe – False Goats Beard	Helleborus – Hellebore	Raoulia – Scabwort
Centaurea – Knapweed	Hemerocallis – Daylily	Rudbeckia – Black Eyed Susan
Centranthus – Red Valarian	Iberis – Candytuft	Salvia – Sage
Cerastium – Snow in Summer	Iris	Santolina Chamaecyparissus –
Crysanthemum – Mums	Ixia – Spotted African Corn Lily	Scabiosa – Pincushion Flower
Coreopsis – Tickseed	Knipfolia – Hot Poker	Scilla – Quill Flower
Crocsmia	Lamium – Deadnettle	Silene – Catchfly
Crocus	Lavendula – Lavender	Sisyrinchium – Yellow Eye Grass
Dahlia	Lobelia – Cardinal Flower	Stachys – Lambs Ear
Dicentra – Bleeding Heart	Lupinus – Lupine	Teucrium – Germander
Digitalis – Foxglove	Lychnis – Catchfly	Tradescantia – Spiderword
Echinacea – Coneflower	Monarda – Bee Balm	Trillium – Wake Robin
Epimedium - Barrenwort	Muscari – Grape Hyacinth	

### Trees

Abies - Fir	Chamaerops humilis - Palm	Rhus - Sumac
Acer circinatum – Vine Maple	Ficus - Fig	Robinia - Locust
Acer negundo – Box Elder	Gingko – Maidenhair Tree	Sequoiadendron – Giant Sequoia
Acer palmatum – Japanese Maple	Liquidamber – Sweet Gum	Sorbus – Mountain Ash
Aesculus hippocastanum – Horse Chestnut	Magnolia – Bull Bay	Taxus – Yew
Albizzia julibrissin – Silk Tree	Picea – Spruce	Thuja plicata – Western Red Cedar
Araucaria – Monkey Puzzle	Pinus - Pine	Trachycarpus - Palm
Cedrus - Cedar	Pseudotsuga menziesii – Doug Fir	
Cercis - Redbud	Quercus - Oak	

## Shrubs

Abelia	Chaenomeles - Quince	Ilex - Holly	Syringa - Lilac
Arbutus – Strawberry Tree	Choisya ternata – Mexican Orange	Juniperus – Juniper	Wisteria
Aronia – Choke Berry	Cistus – Sunrose	Kerria	Pieris – Lily of the Valley
Bamboo	Clematis	Kolkwitzia – Beauty Bush	Potentilla – Cinquefoil
Berberis - Barberry	Corokia – NZ Wire bush	Mahonia – Oregon Grape	Pyracantha - Firethorn
Buddleia – Butterfly Bush	Cotinus – Smoke Bush	Myrica Wax Murtle	Vaccinium – Blueberry
Buxus – Boxwood	Daphne	Rhododendron	Viburnum
Calluna – Heather	Elaeagnus – Silverberry	Ribes - Currant	
Calycanthus – Carolina Sweetspice	Fatsia – Japanese Aralia	Sarcococca – Sweet Box	
Ceanothus – California Lilac	Feijoa – Pineapple Gauva	Symphocarpus - Snowberry	

## Ground Covers

Ajuga – Bugleweed	Hedera - Ivy	Lithodora	Thymus - Thyme
Arctostaphylos - Kinnikinnick	Hypericum – St. Johnswort	Pachysandra – Japanese Spruce	Veronica – Speedwell
Fragaria – Barren Strawberry	Gaultheria – Wintergreen	Sagina - Moss	Vinca - Periwinkle

## Ornamental Grasses

Acorus – Sweet Flag	Erianthus	Imperata – Japanese Blood Grass	Pennisetum – Fountain Grass
Bamboo	Festuca – Fescue	Juncus – Rush	
Carex - Sedge	Hakonechloa – Japanese Forest Grass	Liriope – Lilyturf	
Cortaderia – Pampas Grass	Helictotrichon – Blue Oat Grass	Miscanthus – Maiden Grass	

**\*Please note that not all of these varieties of plants will be available at all times.**