



## Deer Resistant Plants

We're not so bold as to declare these plants "deer proof," for in extreme circumstances deer will eat almost anything. It's very hard to pinpoint what deer will eat. Just correlate to humans: you wouldn't think pigs' feet and snails' eggs would be targets, but some people will eat them. Deer may not be culinary connoisseurs, but they do have favorite foods and tend to avoid others. Sharp foliage, thorns, hairy leaves, or a peculiar taste keep these plants off the normal menu.

### Perennials

*Achillea* spp. (Yarrow)  
*Ajuga reptans* (Bugleweed)  
*Agastache* spp. (Hyssop)  
*Artemisia* spp. (Wormwood)  
*Bergenia cordifolia* (Saxifraga)  
*Boltonia asteroides* (False Chamomile)  
*Brunnera macrophylla* (Heartleaf Brunnera)  
*Buddleia* spp. (Butterfly Bush)  
*Calamagrostis* spp. (Feather Reed Grass)  
*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides* (Leadwort)  
*Convallaria majalis* (Lily of the Valley)  
*Coreopsis verticillata* (Threadleaf Tickseed)  
*Dicentra* spp. (Bleeding Heart)  
*Eupatorium* spp. (Joe Pye Weed)  
*Iris germanica* (Iris)  
*Kniphofia* spp. (Red Hot Poker)  
*Lavandula* spp. (Lavender)  
*Lobelia cardinalis* (Cardinal Flower)  
*Miscanthus sinensis* (Miscanthus Grass)  
*Monarda* spp. (Bee Balm)  
*Nepeta* spp. (Catmint)  
*Pennisetum alopecuroides* (Fountain Grass)  
*Perovskia atriplicifolia* (Russian Sage)  
*Salvia* spp. (Sage)  
*Stachys* spp. (Lamb's Ear)  
*Tiarella cordifolia* (Foamflower)

### Trees and Shrubs

*Aronia* spp. (Chokeberry)  
*Berberis* spp. (Barberry)  
*Buxus* spp. (Boxwood)  
*Callicarpa* spp. (Beautyberry)  
*Caryopteris clandonensis* (Blue Mist Shrub)  
*Cephalotaxus* spp. (Plum Yew)  
*Clethra* spp. (Sweet Pepperbush)  
*Cornus* spp. (Dogwood)  
*Cotoneaster* spp. (Cotoneaster)  
*Deutzia* spp. (Deutzia)  
*Ilex* spp. (Holly)  
*Itea virginica* (Sweetspire)  
*Juniperus* spp. (Juniper)  
*Leucothoe* spp. (Leucothoe)  
*Magnolia* spp. (Magnolia)  
*Mahonia* spp. (Mahonia)  
*Microbiota decussate* (Russian Cypress)  
*Picea* spp. (Spruce)  
*Pieris japonica* (Andromeda)  
*Potentilla fruticosa* (Bush Cinquefoil)  
*Sarcococca hookeriana* (Sweetbox)  
*Spiraea* spp. (Spirea)  
*Thuja* x 'Green Giant' (Green Giant Arborvitae)  
*Viburnum* spp. (Viburnum)  
*Vitex* spp. (Chastetree)  
*Weigela florida* (Weigela)

#### Deer Deterrents

To protect plants from deer we recommend a combination of repellants. Spray-on repellants—such as Liquid Fence, Deer-Off, and Deer-Away—are best if used in rotation to avoid familiarity. Human hair or bars of scented soap also make nice complimentary repellants. If odor or taste is not enough, a barrier may be needed. In areas frequented by deer it is wise to use trunk protectors on young trees until they have become established.