

The Most Deer Resistant Plants

Shrubs and Small Trees

Scientific name	Common Name	Normally in Stock
<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i>	Abelia	Y
<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	Bottlebrush buckeye	Y
<i>Agarista populifolia</i>	Florida Leucothoe	N
<i>Berberis</i> spp.	Barberry	Y
<i>Buddleia davidii</i>	Butterfly Bush	Y
<i>Buxus</i> spp.	Boxwood	Y
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	Beautyberry	Y
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Sweetshrub	Y
<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i>	Blue Mist Spirea	Y
<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	Deodar Cedar	Y
<i>Cephalotaxus</i> spp.	Plum Yew	Y
<i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i>	Gold-thread falsecypress	Y
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Summersweet	Y
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red osier dogwood	N
<i>Corylus</i> spp.	Winterhazel	Y
<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.	Cotoneaster	N
<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	Japanese Cedar	Y
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch Broom	N
<i>Daphne odora</i>	Winter Daphne	Y
<i>Diervilla sessilifolia</i>	Southern bush honeysuckle	N
<i>Distylium hybrids</i>	Distylium	Y
<i>Edgeworthia chrysantha</i>	Paperbush	Y
<i>Eleagnus</i> spp.	Silverberry	Y
<i>Erica</i> spp.	Heather	N
<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i>	Dwarf Fothergilla	Y
<i>Gardenia</i> spp.	Gardenia	Y
<i>Hypericum</i> spp.	Sunburst St. Johnswort	Y
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American holly	N
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Yaupon holly	Y
<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Fosterii'	Foster's holly	N
<i>Ilex x attenuata</i> 'Savannah'	Savannah holly	N
<i>Illicium</i> spp.	Anise	Y
<i>Jasminum nudiflorum</i>	Winter jasmine	N
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	Juniper	Y
<i>Kerria japonica</i>	Kerria	Y
<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i>	Beautybush	N
<i>Lagerstroemia</i> spp.	Crape Myrtle	Y
<i>Leucothoe</i> spp.	Dog Hobble	N
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i>	Japanese Ligustrum	Y

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Loropetalum chinensis	Fringeflower	Y
Mahonia spp.	Grape holly	Y
Michella figo	Banana Shrub	Y
Myrica spp.	Wax myrtle	N
Nandina spp.	Heavenly Bamboo	Y
Osmanthus heterophyllus	Gulftide Osmanthus	Y
Osmanthus fragrans	Fragrant Osmanthus	Y
Picea spp.	Spruces (not orientalis)	Y
Pieris spp.	Japanese Andromeda	Y
Pinus spp.	Pines	Y
Podocarpus spp.	Podocarpus	Y
Prunus laurocerasus	Schip and Otto Luyken laurel	Y&N
Pyrocantha spp.	Firethorn	Y
Rhododendron cat.	Rhododendron (not azaleas)	N
Sarcococca spp.	Sweetbox	Y
Spiraea spp.	Spring flowering species	Y
Viburnum awabuki	Chindo Viburnum	Y
Viburnum dentatum	Arrowwood	N
Vitex agnus-castus	Chaste tree	Y

Perennials and Groundcovers

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Achillea	Yarrow	Y
Aconitum	Monkshood	N
Aegopodium	Goutweed	N
Agastache	Anise Hyssop	Y
Ajuga	Bugleweed	Y
Allium	Ornamental Onion	Y
Amsonia	Blue Star	Y
Aquilegia	Columbine	Y
Arisaema	Jack in the Pulpit	N
Armeria	Sea Thrift	N
Artemesia	Wormwood	Y
Aruncus	Goatsbeard	N
Asarum	European Ginger	N
Asclepias	Butterflyweed, milkweed	Y
Aspidistra	Cast Iron Plant	Y
Asteromea	Mongolian aster	Y
Astilbe	False Spiraea	Y
Baptisia	False Indigo	Y

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Brugmansia	Angel's Trumpet	Y
Brunnera	Siberian Bugloss	N
Ceratostigma	Plumbago	N
Chrysogonum	Green and Gold	N
Cimicifuga	Bugbane	N
Clematis	Clematis	Y
Convallaria	Lily of the Valley	Y
Coreopsis	Tickseed	Y
Delosperma	Iceplant	Y
Dicentra	Bleeding Heart	Y
Echinacea	Coneflower	Y
Echinops	Globe Thistle	N
Epimedium	Barrenwort	Y
Eupatorium	Hardy Ageratum, Joe-Pye Weed	Y
Euphorbia	Spurge	Y
Farfugium	Leopard Plant	Y
Fillipendula	Meadowsweet	N
Gaillardia	Blanket Flower	N
Gaura	Gaura	N
Geranium	Geranium	Y
Helleborus	Lenten Rose	Y
Heuchera	Coralbells	Y
Houtuynia	Chameleon Plant	Y
Hypericum	St. Johnswort	Y
Kalimeris	Japanese Aster	Y
Kirengeshoma	Yellow Waxbells	N
Kniphofia	Red Hot Poker	Y
Lantana	Lantana	Y
Lavendula	Lavender	Y
Leucanthemum	Daisy	Y
Limonium	Sea Lavender	Y
Linum	Flax	N
Lychnis coronaria	Rose Campion	Y
Mentha	Mint	Y
Monarda	Bee balm	Y
Myosotis	Forget-Me-Not	Y
Nepeta	Catmint	Y
Oenothera	Sundrops/Primrose	Y
Origanum	Oregano	Y
Pachysandra	Japanese Spurge	Y
Penstemon	Beard Tongue	Y
Perovskia	Russian Sage	Y

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Phlomis	Jerusalem Sage	N
Polemonium	Jacob's Ladder	Y
Pulmonaria	Lungwort	Y
Ruellia	Mexican Petunia	N
Rodgersia	Rodgers Flower	N
Rohdea	Lily of China	Y
Rubus	Creeping Raspberry	Y
Ruta	Rue	N
Salvia	Sage	Y
Santolina	Lavender Cotton	Y
Setcreasea	Purple Heart	Y
Solidago	Goldenrod	Y
Stachys	Lamb's Ear, Bettony	Y
Symphytum	Comfrey	N
Tanacetum	Tansy	Y
Teucrium cham.	Germander	N
Thermopsis	Carolina Lupine	N
Thymus	Thyme	Y
Verbascum	Mullein	Y
Verbena	Verbena	Y
Veronica	Speedwell	Y

Deer will try most plants once if the plants are new to them or the deer are extremely hungry (as in the late winter months before new bud break). These plants are not guaranteed to be deer-proof but if browsed once or twice they should recover without need for replacement. Some of the plants listed will NEVER be browsed by deer and others will be browsed very infrequently.

Deer can also cause damage on small trees and large shrubs from rubs made in late summer, fall and winter. If a buck rubs a particular tree once it is most likely to get rubbed again. Deer rubs can girdle trees resulting in the death of the tree or they can severely disfigure landscape ornamentals. It is best to protect a rubbed tree from future rubs by creating a cage around the plant using stakes and strapping or 3 foot wire garden fence. This is a good idea for all newly planted trees (where there is a high deer population) since deer target trees under 4" in diameter.

Some Trees Are Prone To Deer Rubs: mainly softer bark trees

Japanese Maples
Spruces – most softer-needle varieties
White Pine
Gingko
Magnolias
Japanese Snowbell
Deodar Cedar and Atlas Cedar
Arborvitae and Japanese Cedars

