

DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

Deer resistant does not mean that deer will not eat a particular plant, it means they prefer other vegetation. In times of over population there is little that they will not eat to avoid starvation. According to State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources our area has a higher than normal population of deer. The following list of plants is what they under most circumstances prefer not to eat. Deer taste many things, many times your soon to open flowers can be found on the ground just where they dropped them or trampled them. Deer deterrent sprays are a good investment and will help to avoid the disappointment of not seeing your favorite blooms. Deterrents will also help prevent antler rub damage to your plants in the fall.

The following list is made from personal experience and information from articles and publications on this topic.

We carry the following deer deterrents: Tree guards and wrap; Liquid Fence; Repellex; Tree Guard, Deer-A-Tak and the Plant Saver (all natural deer repellent).

PERENNIALS

Achillea – Yarrow
Aconitum – Monkshood
Aegopodium podagraria – Bishop's Weed
Agastache – Anise Hyssop
Ajuga reptans – Bugleweed
Alchemilla mollis – Lady's Mantle
Amsonia – Bluestar
Anemone spp. – Anemone
Angelica – Korean Angelica
Anthemis tinctoria – Hardy Golden Marguerite
Aquilegia – Columbine
Arabis caucasica – Rock Cress
Armeria maritima – Sea Thrift
Artemisia . – Wormwood, Artemisia
Aruncus dioicus – Goatsbeard
Asarum canadense – Canadian Wild Ginger
Asclepias tuberosa – Butterfly Weed
Aster – Alpine, Woodland, Smooth Aster
Astilbe – False Spirea
Aubrieta deltoidea – False Rock Cress
Baptisia – Wild Indigo, False Indigo
Bergenia – Pig Squeak
Brunnera macrophylla – False Forget-Me-Not
Calamintha – Calamint
Calluna – Heather
Caltha palustris – Marsh Marigold
Campanula – Bellflowers
Centaurea spp. – Cornflower, Knapweed
Cerastium tomentosum – Snow-in-Summer
Chelone – Turtlehead
Cimicifuga racemosa – Snakeroot
Clematis – Clematis
Convallaria majalis – Lily-of-the-Valley

Coreopsis – Tickseed
Crocasmia – Montbretia
Dianthus spp. – Pinks
Dicentra spp. – Bleeding Heart
Dictamnus albus – Gas Plant
Digitalis spp. – Foxglove
Echinacea purpurea – Purple Cone Flower
Echinops rito – Globe Thistle
Epimedium spp. – Bishop's Cap, Barronwort
Eryngium – Sea Holly
Eupatorium purpureum – Joe-Pye Weed
Euphorbia spp. – Spurge
Filipendula rubra – Queen of the Prairie
Gaillardia – Blanketflower
Galium – Sweet Woodruff
Gentiana – Gentian
Geranium – Cranesbill, Scented
Geum spp. – Prairie Smoke, Grecian Rose, Avens
Grasses – Most Ornamental
Gypsophila paniculata – Baby's Breath
Helenium autumnale – Sneezeweed
Helleborus – Lenten Rose
Heuchera – Coral Bells
Hibiscus spp. – Mallow, Hibiscus
Iberis sempervirens – Candytuft
Iris spp. – Iris
Kirengeshoma palmata – Yellow Wax Bells
Kniphofia spp. Red Hot Poker
Lamium maculatum – Dead Nettle
Leucanthemum – Chrysanthemum, Shasta Daisy
Liatris – Blazing Star, Gay Feather
Ligularia spp. – Ligularia Golden Ray,
Lilium tigr. – Tiger Lily
Limonium lat. – Sea Lavender
Linum perenne – Blue Flax
Liriope spicata – Creeping Lilly Turf
Lobelia – Cardinal Flower
Lupinus – Lupines
Lychnis coronaria – Rose Campion
Lysimachia nummularia – Creeping Jenny
Macleaya cordata – Plume Poppy
Matteuccia struthiopteris – Ostrich Fern
Mertensia virginica – Virginia Bluebells
Monarda spp. – Bee Balm
Myosotis spp. – Forget-Me-Not
Nepeta x faassenii – Catmint
Oenothera – Evening Primrose
Pachysandra – Green Carpet Spurge
Paeonia – Peony
Papaver orientalis – Oriental Poppy
Penstemon – Beardtongue
Perovskia atriplicifolia – Russian Sage
Phlox subulata – Moss Pinks

Physostegia virginiana – Obedient Plant
Platycondon – Balloon Flower
Polemonium caeruleum – Jacob's Ladder
Polygonatum – Solomon's Seal
Polystichum acrostichoides – Evergreen Ferns
Primula spp. – Primrose
Pulmonaria spp. – Lungwort
Pulsatilla vulgaris – Pasque Flower
Ranunculus – Buttercup
Rheum – Rhubarb
Rodgersia – Rodger's Flower
Rudbeckia – Blackeyed Susan, Orange Cone Flower
Rumex – Garden Sorrel
Salvia x superba – Perennial Salvia
Sanguisorba spp. – Burnet
Saponaria – Rock Soapwort
Scabiosa spp. – Pincushion Flower
Sedum – Low Growing Varieties
Sempervivum – Hen & Chicks
Solidago spp. – Goldenrod
Stachis byzantina – Lamb's Ear
Stokesia laevis – Stoke's Aster
Tanacetum coccineum – Painted Daisy
Thalictrum – Meadow Rue
Thymus – Thyme
Tiarella – Foamflower
Tradescantia – Spiderwort
Verbascum – Mullein
Veronica spp. – Speedwell
Vinca minor – Periwinkle, Myrtle
Viola labradorica – Labrador Violet
Yucca – Adam's Needle

HERBS

Nearly all herbs are avoided by deer because of their strong fragrance.

BULBS

Allium spp. – Allium, Ornamental Onions
Chionodoxa luciliae – Glory-of-the-Snow
Convallaria majalis – Lily of the Valley
Eranthus hyemalis – Winter Aconite
Fritillaria imperialis – Crown Imperial
Galanthus nivalis – Common Snowdrop
Leucojum – Spring Snowflake
Muscari spp. – Grape Hyacinth
Narcissus spp. – Daffodils
Puschkinia scilloides – Striped Squill
Scilla siberica – Siberian Squill

ANNUAL PLANTS

Ageratum – Floss Flower
Alyssum – Sweet Alyssum
Amarantus tricolor – Joseph's Coat Amaranth
Antirrhinum – Snapdragon
Artemisia – Dusty Miller
Begonia semperperns – Wax Begonia
Brugmanisa spp. – Angels' Trumpet, Datura
Calendula – English Marigold
Capsicum annuum – Ornamental Pepper
Catharanthus roseus – Periwinkle
Cleome – Spider Flower
Coleus
Cosmos bipinnatus – Cosmos
Cynoglossum amabile – Chinese Forget-me-not
Dahlia spp. – Dahlia
Euphorbia marginata – Snow-on-the-Mountain
Gomphrena globas – Globe Amaranth
Helichrysum – Straw Flower and Licorice Plant
Heliotropium – Heliotrope
Hypoestes – Polka-dot Plant
Ipomea – all Morning Glory
Lantana
Lobelia erinus – Edging Lobelia
Mirabilis jalapa – Four O'clock
Mimulus – Monkey Flower
Nierembergia hippomanica var violacea – Cupflower
Pelargonium—Geranium
Ricinus communis – Castor Bean
Salvia farinacea – Blue Salvia
Salvia viridis – Painted Salvia
Senecio cineraria – Dusty Miller
Stock
Tagetes – Marigolds
Tithonia rotundifolia – Mexican Sunflower
Tropaeolum majus – Nasturtium
Verbena – Verbena
Zinnias – Zinnias

TREES & SHRUBS

Abies – Fir
Acer – Maple
Amelanchier x grandiflora – Serviceberry
Andromeda polif. Compact Bog Rosemary
Betula – Birch
Berberis – All Barberry
Buddleia davidii – Butterfly Bush
Buxus microphylla – Boxwood
Callicarpa dich. – Beautyberry
Carpinus caroliniana – Bluer Beech, Muscledwood
Catalpa speciosa – Northern Catalpa
Cercis canadensis—Redbud

Cotinus – Smokebush
Cotoneaster – Cotoneaster
Crataegus spp – Hawthorn
Daphne x burkwoodii – Daphne, Carol Mackie
Fagus spp. – Beech
Forsythia spp. – Forsythia
Fraxinus – White Ash
Fraxinus pennsylvanica – Ash
Ginkgo biloba – Ginkgo
Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis – Thornless Honeylocust
Hamalis virginiana – Witchhazel
Ilex glabra – Inkberry
Ilex verticillata – Winterberry
Juniperus chinensis – Chinese Juniper
Juniperus communis – Common Juniper
Kerria japonica – Japanese Kerria
Kolkwitzia amabilis – Beautybush
Larix spp. – Larch
Magnolia – All Magnolia
Microbiota decuss. – Russian Cypress
Ostrya virginiana – American Hophornbeam
Picea – All Spruce
Pinus – Pine
Philadelphus—Mockorange
Potentilla fruticosa – Potentillas
Rhododendron – P.J.M
Rhododendron—Northern Starburst
Rhus – All Sumac
Rosa rugosa – Rugosa Rose
Salix matsudana 'Tortuosa' – Corkscrew Willow
Sambucus – Elderberry
Spiraea j- All Spiraea
Symphoricarpos orbiculatus – Common Snowberry
Symphoricarpos orbiculatus – Coralberry
Syringa reticulata – Japanese Tree Liliac
Syringa vulgaris –All Lilacs
Tamarix ram. – Elderberry
Weigela – Weigela

VINES

Akebia quinata – Fiveleaf Akebia
Aristolochia, Dutchman's Pipe
Campsis radicans – Trumpetvine
Celastrus scandens – American Bittersweet
Humulus lupulus – Hops
Lonicera sempervirens – Honeysuckle
Parthenocissus inserta—Virginia Creeper, Woodbine
Parthenocissus quinquefolia – Engelman Ivy
Parthenocissus tricuspidata – Boston Ivy
Wisteria macrostachys – Wisteria

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