

# Deer Resistant Plants



Although no plant is truly “deer proof,” a hungry animal will eat almost anything, there are many varieties of perennials and shrubs that deer tend to avoid. As a general rule, most anything with needles, a tough texture or powerful smell are usually avoided. Here’s a list of trees, shrubs and perennials that are rarely browsed by deer.

## Ground Covers

Carpet Bugle  
Dwarf Plumbago  
Gazania  
Japanese Spurge  
Rockcress  
Scaevola  
Sweet Woodruff  
Vinca

## Perennials/Bulbs

Aloe  
Artemisia  
Aster  
Astilbe  
Bachelor’s Buttons  
Bee Balm  
Black Eyed Susan  
Blanketflower  
Bleeding Heart  
Blue Fescue  
California Fuchsia  
California Poppy  
Candytuft  
Columbine  
Coreopsis

Cranesbill  
Dahlia  
Daylily  
Dusty Miller  
Echiacea  
Feather Grass  
Fountain Grass  
Foxglove  
Gayflower  
Gloriosa Daisy  
Grape Hyacinth  
Hellebore  
Iris  
Jupiter’s Beard  
Lamb’s Ear  
Lamium  
Larkspur  
Lavender  
Lupine  
Mountain Harebill  
Narcissus  
Pearly Everlasting  
Penstemon  
Pincushion Flower  
Poppy  
Red-Hot Poker  
Russian Sage  
Sedge  
Serbian Bellflower  
Snow-In-Summer  
Thyme  
Verbena  
Veronica  
Yarrow

## Trees

Fir  
Japanese Maple  
Cedar  
Western Redbud  
Hawthorn  
Cypress  
Ash  
Spruce  
Pine  
Douglas Fir  
Oak

## Shrubs

Bamboo  
Barberry  
Butterfly Bush  
Boxwood  
Flowering Quince  
Daphne  
Cotoneaster  
St. Johnswort  
Holly  
Juniper  
Lantana  
Myrtle  
Plumbago  
Currant  
Sage  
Lilac  
Blue Mist Spirea  
Oregon Grape  
Potentilla