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**Hypothetically Deer-“Resistant” Plants**  
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Short of enclosing one's garden with a *very* tall fence, absolute deer-resistance is a myth. If they are hungry enough, deer will sample anything. Deer prefer soft growth with high water content, especially flower buds. If you live with and around deer populations, it's better to think in relative terms and grow plants that have been observed to be toward the bottom of their hierarchy of taste. Some of these plants are toxic, others have offensive (to deer) pungent smells, and still others simply have unpalatable textures. The following list is not exhaustive but includes plants that we carry here at Mary's Greenhouse.

Achillea (Yarrow)	Basil (Ocimum) (annual herb)
Acorus (Sweet Flag)	Bergenia (Pigsqueak)
Aegopodium (Bishop's Weed)	Bignonia (Crossvine)
Agastache (Anise Hyssop)	Brugmansia (Angel's Trumpet)
Agave	Brunnera (Heartleaf Forget-Me-Not)
Ageratum (annual)	Buddleja (Butterfly Bush)
Ajuga (Bugleweed)	Calamagrostis (Feather Reed Grass)
Alchemilla (Lady's Mantle)	Campanula (some)
Allium (Ornamental Onion)	Campsis (Trumpet Creeper)
Alocasia (Elephant Ear)	Carex (various Sedges)
Alyssum (annual)	Caryopteris (Bluebeard)
Amsonia (Blue-star)	Centaurea (Bachelor's Buttons)
Anchusa (Alkanet)	Centranthus (Red Valerian)
Anemone	Ceratostigma (Dwarf Plumbago)
Angelonia	Chasmanthium (Northern Sea Oats)
Aquilegia (Columbine)	Chelone (Turtlehead)
Aralia cordata	Chives (Garlic, Onion) (Allium)
Artemisia	Cimicifuga
Asarum (Wild Ginger)	Clematis (some)
Asclepias	Cleome (annual)
Asparagus sprengeri (Asparagus Fern) (annual)	Colocasia (Elephant Ear)
Aster	Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)
Astilbe	Coreopsis
Athyrium (various hardy ferns)	Cortaderia (Pampas Grass)
Baptisia (False Indigo)	Corydalis

Crocoshmia  
Delosperma (Ice Plant)  
Delphinium  
Dianthus  
Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)  
Digitalis (Foxglove)  
Dryopteris (various hardy ferns)  
Dusty Miller (annual)  
Echeveria  
Echinacea (Purple Coneflower)  
Eragrostis spectabilis (Purple Love Grass)  
Eschscholzia californica  
Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed)  
Euphorbia (Spurge)  
Festuca (Blue Fescue Grass)  
Fuchsia (annual)  
Gaillardia  
Gaura  
Gazania  
Geranium (annual/perennial)  
Germander (Teucrium)  
Geum  
Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)  
Hakonechloa (Japanese Forest Grass)  
Helichrysum (annual)  
Helleborus  
Heuchera  
Heucherella  
Hibiscus (some)  
Horehound (Marrubium)  
Houttuynia  
Hypericum  
Iberis (Candytuft)  
Iris  
Juncus effusus  
Kniphofia (Red Hot Poker)  
Lagerstroemia (Crape Myrtle)  
Lamiastrum  
Lamium

Lantana (annual)  
Lavender  
Lemon Balm (Melissa)  
Leonotis (Lion's Ear) (annual)  
Liatris (Gayfeather)  
Ligularia  
Lilium (Asian and Oriental Lily)  
Liriope  
Lobelia (Cardinal Flower)  
Lonicera (Honeysuckle)  
Loropetalum  
Lysimachia (Creeping Jenny)  
Mangave  
Marigold (annual)  
Matteuccia (Ostrich Fern)  
Mazus  
Mints (Mentha)  
Miscanthus (various grasses)  
Monarda (Bee Balm)  
Monardella macrantha (Hummingbird  
Trumpet Mint)  
Muehlenbeckia (Creeping Wire Vine)  
Nasella (Mexican Feather Grass)  
Nepeta (Catnip and Catmint)  
Nicotiana (Flowering Tobacco) (annual)  
Oenothera (Evening Primrose)  
Onoclea (Sensitive Fern)  
Ophiopogon (Mondo Grass)  
Opuntia (Prickly Pear)  
Oregano (Organum)  
Osmunda (Royal Fern, Cinnamon Fern)  
Oxalis (Shamrock)  
Pachysandra  
Paeonia (Peony)  
Panicum (Switch Grass)  
Papaver (Poppy)  
Pennisetum (Fountain Grass)  
Perovskia (Russian Sage)  
Phalaris (Ribbon Grass)  
Platycodon (Balloon Flower)

Pleioblastus (Dwarf Bamboo)  
Polemonium (Jacob's Ladder)  
Polygonatum (Variegated Solomon's Seal)  
Polystichum (various hardy ferns)  
Pulmonaria (Lungwort)  
Rosemary (Rosmarinus)  
Rubus (Creeping Raspberry)  
Rudbeckia  
Rumex (Red Veined Sorrel)  
Rumohra (Leatherleaf Fern)  
Rue (Ruta)  
Sagina (Irish Moss, Scotch Moss)  
Salvia  
Santolina  
Saxifraga  
Schizachyrium (Little Bluestem)  
Sedum (several)  
Sempervivum (Hens and Chicks)  
Sisyrinchium (Blue-eyed Grass)  
Snapdragon (annual)  
Solidago (Goldenrod)  
Spigelia marilandica (Indian Pink)  
Sporobolus heterolepsi (Prairie Dropseed)  
Stachys (Lamb's Ears)  
Stokesia (Stokes' Aster)  
Sweet Woodruff (Galium)  
Thelypteris (Southern Wood Fern)  
Thyme (Thymus)  
Tiarella (Foamflower)  
Tradescantia (Spiderwort)  
Verbena  
Veronica (Speedwell)  
Vinca (annual)  
Vinca minor  
Weigela  
Wisteria  
Yucca  
Zantedeschia (Calla Lily)