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Deer Resistant Plants

For added diversity in plant choices, select more than one species or variety from each genus.

*Note: *means that they will eat this plant if starving but tend to stay away from it under normal conditions OR many lists and books continuously state these plants are deer resistant and I haven't had personal experience with them.*

Every yard, every neighborhood is different and a lot depends on the deer pressure and size of the herd in your area. This list will be updated over time as we all continue to observe and learn.

Annuals

Agastache	Anise Hyssop (Tender Varieties)
*Ageratum	Floss flower
Artichoke	
Calendula	Pot Marigold
Calla	Calla Lily (tender bulb)
Cleome	Spider Flower
*Delphinium ajacis	Larkspur
Datura, Brugmansia	Angel's Trumpet
Ipomoea	Morning Glory
Lantana	
Leonatis leonurus	Lion's mane
*Nicotiana	Flowering Tobacco
Osteospermum	African Daisy
Papaver spp.	Poppy
Ricinus	Castor Bean
Salvia	Sages, ornamental Salvias
Tagetes	Marigold including Signet types (Lemon and Tangerine gems)

Bulbs

Allium	Ornamental onion
Colchicum	Autumn Crocus
Eranthis spp.	Winter aconite
Frittilaria spp.	Crown imperial
Galanthus	Snowdrops
Leucojum	Summer Snowflake
Muscari spp.	Grape hyacinth
Narcissus	Daffodils
Nectaroscordium siculum	Sicilian honey garlic

All Ferns

All Ornamental Grasses

Perennials and Biennials

Achillea	Yarrow
Aconitum spp.	Monkshood
Actaea spp.	Doll's eyes, snakeroot, baneberry
Agastache	Anise hyssop
*Alchemilla mollis	Lady's Mantle
Allium ornamental spp.	Summer onion
Anthemis tinctoria	Perennial marguerite
*Aquilegia	Columbine
Amsonia spp.	Blue star
Aralia 'Sun King', A. racemosa	
Arisima spp.	Jack in the pulpit
Artemisia spp.	
Asarum spp.	Ginger
Asclepias pp.	Milkweed, butterfly weed
Aster (Symphyotrichum) oblongifolius	Aromatic aster
*Astilbe	
Aurinia saxatalis	Basket of gold
Baptisia	False indigo
Brunnera macrophylla	Perennial heartleaf forget-me-not
Calamintha spp.	Calamint
Caltha palustris	Marsh marigold
*Centranthus ruber	Jupiter's Beard, Red Valerian
Ceratostigma	Leadwort
Cerastium tomentosum	Snow in Summer
Convallaria majalis	Lily of the Valley
*Delphinium	Delphinium
Dicentra spp.	Bleeding Heart (old fashioned and dwarf)
Dianthus spp.	Pinks, carnation, sweet William (Biennial)
Digitalis spp.	Foxgloves (perennial and biennial forms)
Echinops	Globe thistle
Epimedium	Barrenwort
Erigeron pulchellus	Robin's plantain
Eryngium spp.	Sea holly
Euphorbia spp. and var.	Euphorbia, spurge
Gaultheria procumbens	Wintergreen
Geranium macrorrhizum	Cranesbill geraniums (wont eat most, this one is extra aromatic)
Geum	Avens
Gilenia (Porteranthus)	Bowman's root
Helleborus spp.	Christmas, Lenten rose
Heuchera	Coral bells, alum root
*Hypericum calcynum	St. Johnswort ground cover
Iberis sempervirens	Candytuft
*Iris	Iris
*Kniphofia	Red Hot Poker
Lamium spp.	Dead Nettles
Liatris	Gayfeather
Ligularia	Leopard plant
Lobelia spp.	Cardinal flower
Lupinus	Lupine
Lychnis coronaria	Rose campion
Mitchella repens	Partridge berry

*Myosotis	Forget-me-not
Nepeta spp.	Catmint
Origanum spp.	Ornamental oreganos such as 'Herrenhausen'
*Packera spp.	Golden groundsel
Papaver orientale	Oriental Poppy <i>Contains a bitter sap</i>
*Parthenium integrifolium	Wild quinine
*Paeonia	Peony
Penstemon spp.	Beard tongue
Perovskia	Russian Sage
Persicaria amplexicaulis	Smartweed
Polemonium	Jacob's ladder
Primula spp.	Primrose
Pulmonaria	Lungwort
Pycnanthemum spp.	Mountain mint
Trollius	Globeflower
Rudbeckia subtomentosa	Sweet coneflower
Rumex sanguineus var. sanguineus	Ornamental Dock
Salvia spp.	Ornamental sages
Silene	Catchfly
Sisyrinchium spp.	Blue eyed grass
Scutellaria spp.	Skullcap
Stokesia	Stoke's aster
Solidago spp.	Goldenrod
Stachys spp.	Lamb's Ears, betony
Tanacetum spp.	Feverfew, Tansy
Tiarella spp.	Foamflower
Verbascum	Mullein
*Veronica	Veronica

<u>Herbs</u>	These are herbs used for ornamental value	A = Annual	P= Perennial	B = Biennial
Agastache	Anise Hyssop			A or P
Alliums	Chives, garlic chives			P
Artemesia spp.				P
Borago	Borage			A
Foeniculum	Fennel (incl. Bronze Fennel)			P
Galium odoratum	Woodruff			P
Hyssopus	Hyssop			P
Lavendula	Lavender			P
Ocimum basilicum	Basil			A
	(incl. purple leaf types-very ornamental)			
Origanum	Oregano and marjoram			P
	(incl golden forms, ornamental varieties)			
Perilla frutescens	Beefsteak plant			A
Petroselinum	Parsley			B
Pycnanthemum	Mountain Mint			P
Ruta graveolens	Rue			P
Salvia	Sages			P
Santolina	Lavender cotton			P
Tanacetum vulgare	Tansy			P
Teucrium spp.	Germander			P
Tulbaghia violacea	Society Garlic			A
Thymus	Thyme			P

Trees and Shrubs

Abelia spp.	White forsythia
Abeliophyllum distichum	Bearberry
Arctostaphylos	Paw paw
Asimina triloba	Butterfly Bush
Buddleia	Boxwood
Buxus spp. and var.	Beautyberry
Callicarpa spp.	Heather
*Calluna	Carolina allspice
Calycanthus floridus	Blue Mist Shrub
Caryopteris	Button bush
Cephalanthus occidentalis	Fringe tree
Chionanthus spp.	Summersweet
Clethra alnifolia	Sweet fern
Comptomia peregrina	Harry Lauder's Walking Stick
*Corylus avellana 'Contorta'	Smokebush
Cotinus spp.	Scotch Broom
*Cytisus	
Daphne spp.	Bush honeysuckle
Deutzia spp.	Redvein Enkianthus
Diervilla	Heath
Enkianthus	Witch alder
*Erica	St. Johnswort
Fothergilla spp.	Indigo
Hypericum	American holly
Indigofera	Junipers
*Ilex opaca	Mt. Laurel
*Juniperus	Bush clover
*Kalmia	Dog hobble
Lespedeza spp.	Magnolia
Leucothoe spp. and var.	Bayberry
Magnolia spp.	Spruce
Myrica (Morella) pennsylvanica	Andromeda
Picea	Beach rose (other roses are often eaten by deer)
*Pieris	Himalayan sweet box
Rosa rugosa	Spirea (incl. spring and summer blooming forms)
Sarcococca hookeriana	Lilac
Spiraea spp.	(Deer browse varies by species.)
Syringa spp.	V. carlesii, V. tomentosum very resistant
*Viburnum spp.	Chaste tree
Vitex agnus-caste	
Weigela	
Yucca filamentosa	Yucca

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