

Any tender, succulent plants fresh from the nursery, where they have been watered and fertilized, may attract deer, especially early in the season, when green vegetation in their natural habitat is not available. Although no plant is guaranteed to resist deer browsing, gardeners have reported success with the following species.

Perennials

Astilbe*
 Bee Balm
 Bleeding Heart
 Candytuft
 Columbine*
 Coreopsis
 Coralbells
 Dicentra
 Echinacea
 Forget-Me-Not
 Foxglove*
 Gaillardia*
 Hardy Geranium*
 Helianthus*
 Hellebore*
 Hibiscus
 Hollyhocks
 Iris
 Liatris*
 Oenothera
 Oriental Poppy
 Peony
 Perennial Alyssum
 Perennial Flax
 Pinks (Dianthus)
 Ratibida
 Rudbeckia
 Salvia*
 Solidago
 Stachys*
 Veronica
 Yarrow*
 Yucca*

Annuals and Biennials

Ageratum
 Begonia*
 Cleome*
 Cosmos
 DahlbergDaisy*
 Dusty Miller
 Four O Clocks*
 Geraniums
 Lantana
 Larkspur
 Lobelia
 Marigold
 Morning Glory
 Moonflower
 Nasturtium
 Ornamental pepper
 Salvia*
 Snapdragon
 Sweet Peas
 Stock
 Sunflower
 Verbena*
 Zinnia*

Perennial Vines
 Akebia
 Bittersweet
 Baltic Ivy
 Clematis
 Grape
 Honeysuckle
 Silver Lace Vine

Herbs

Observers rate many herbs as deer-resistant, because of their strong aromas and flavors.

 Angelica
 Anise Hyssop
 Basil
 Catmint*
 Chamomile
 Chives
 Comfrey
 Dill
 Fennel
 Lamb's ears*
 Lavender*
 Lavender Cotton*
 Lemon balm
 Mint
 Mullein
 Oregano*
 Parsley
 Rosemary*
 Sage
 St. John's Wort
 Thyme*

Bulbs

Autumn Crocus
 Crocus
 Daffodil*, Jonquil*, Narcissus*
 Crown Imperial
 Glory of the Snow
 Grape Hyacinth
 Siberian Squill
 Snowdrop
 Snowflake
 Striped Squill Surprise
 Lily
 Various Flowering Onions*
 Winter Aconite

Groundcovers
 Aubrietia Bugle
 Weed (Ajuga)
 Bergenia
 Dead Nettle
 Ferns
 Lady's Mantle
 Lily-of-the-Valley
 Pachysandra
 Potentilla
 Sedum
 Snow-in-Summer
 Vinca Minor

Trees

These trees are rated by various observers to be rarely damaged, seldom severely damaged or deer-resistant. Protect small seedlings with tree shelters.

 American Holly
 Beech
 Birch: European, White, Paper
 Catalpa
 Corkscrew Willow
 Dogwood: Red Osier, Kousa
 Eastern Red Cedar (Juniperis virginiana)
 English Hawthorn
 Ginkgo
 Hickory
 Japanese Flowering Cherry
 Locust: Black, Honey
 Mimosa
 Pine: Austrian, Mugo, Red, Scots, Shortleaf (for southern Missouri only)
 Sassafras, Common
 Smoke Tree
 Sourwood
 Spruce: Colorado Blue, Norway, White
 Sweet Gum
 Sycamore
 Tulip Tree

*indicates RABBIT RESISTANT plants

Shrubs

Barberry
 Bayberry
 Beautybush
 Butterfly Bush
 Chinese Holly
 Chinese Junipers (blue and green)
 Common Boxwood
 Common Lilac*
 Drooping Leucothoe
 Forsythia
 Inkberry
 Japanese Kerria
 Oregon Grape Holly
 Russian Olive

Rabbit Resistant:

Agastache
 Artemesia
 Aster
 Blue Mist
 Spirea Daylily
 Penstemon
 Red Hot Poker
 Russian Sage
 Sedum
 Tarragon