Keeping Bambi Out: Easy on the Eye Fencing Solutions

If you garden in an area where deer are frequent uninvited visitors, a good fence barrier is invaluable and it's really the only thing that works to protect our garden plantings and fruit trees. We have 2 different deer proof fencing solutions using galvanized wire in addition to wood boards. Both are unobtrusive to the eye, practically invisible from a distance and effective in eliminating deer browsing. Deer don't attempt to leap over the fence because they cannot judge the height of the wire and will not risk hurting themselves. Read the article

No plant is entirely deer-proof, however those with pungent scent, fuzzy or woody leaves and/or bad taste are less attractive to deer than others. We've made a list of our deer resistant varieties, but check with your garden center or extension agent for local deer taste preferences.

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What to Plant in May

At long last, spring weather is securely in place. The soil has drained and warmed and trees are stretching and quickly greening up. Many of us think that May is somehow already too late or behind schedule for the best planting possibilities. Not to worry! When temperatures are consistently in the 50s at night and daytime weather is warm and settled, it's the perfect time for sowing seeds right into the garden.

Large-seeded summer vegetables like corn, beans, squash, cucumbers and gourds are best sown directly in the garden because they have tender tap roots. Transplanting purchased or indoor grown seedlings for these plants inevitably shocks and sets them back. If you sow them directly from seed they will grow like little dynamos and easily surpass any transplants.

View “When to Plant” - a reference chart of planting time for all of our seed varieties.