



DETER DEER

Deer are beautiful in the wild when seen bounding through fields or feeding in the forest. But, due to urban sprawl, deer have less and less habitat in which to roam without coming into contact with humans. This pushes deer into home owners' backyards, where they find tasty treats in the form of carefully planted flower beds, trees and shrubs.

Hungry deer will eat almost anything. While it is true that deer exhibit certain preferences for their food sources, they may also sample anything if hungry. In general, deer prefer a bland diet, steering clear of plants that are poisonous, fuzzy, coarse, spiny, bitter, or very aromatic (like herbs). But, if deer are unclear about liking something, they'll try it. So, even the things they don't like aren't always safe for you to plant.

If deer are a problem in your yard, we suggest planting deer resistant plants in your landscape. These are plants that may be nibbled, but not completely eaten. It's difficult to create a truly deer-proof garden because it's tough to account for the peculiar tastes and appetites of individual deer.

PLANTS THAT ARE DEER RESISTANT

BULBS

Allium
Calla Lily
Canna
Daffodil
Grape Hyacinth
Narcissus

VINES

Carolina Jasmine
Clematis Armandii
Grape
Honeysuckle
Trumpet Creeper
Trumpet Vine
Wisteria

GROUNDCOVERS

Aegopodium
Ajuga
Cotoneaster
Epimedium
Ferns
Hypericum
Juniper
Lamium
Lily of the Valley
Pachysandra
Periwinkle

TREES

Blue Spruce
Cedar
Crepe Myrtle
Cypress
Dogwood
Ginkgo
Hawthorne
Magnolia
Mimosa
Oak
Pine
Redbud
Smoke Tree
Spruce, Norway

ANNUALS

Ageratum
Alyssum
Campanula
Celosia
Cleome
Cosmos

Dusty Miller
Eucalyptus
Forget-me-not
Four O'Clock
Foxglove
Heliotrope
Lobelia
Marigold
Plumbago
Portulaca
Salvia
Snapdragon
Sunflower
Sweet William
Zinnias

HERBS

Artemisia
Basil
Catmint
Chamomile
Chives
Dill
Fennel
Germander
Hyssop
Lambs' Ear
Lavender
Lemon Balm
Mint Oregano
Rosemary
Rue
Sage
Santolina
Thyme

SHRUBS

Abelia
Bayberry
Boxwood
Butterfly Bush
Cactus
Celthera
Crepe Myrtle
Daphne
Deutzia
False Yew
Gardenia
Hinoki Cypress
Hollies
Hypericum
Juniper
Kerria

Ligustrum
Lorepetalum
Mahonia
Mock Orange
Nandina
Oleander
Osmanthus
Palm
Pieris
Pomegranite
Pyracantha
Quince
Red Twig Dogwood
Russian Olive
Spiraea
Sweet Shrub
Sweetspire
Viburnum
Weigela
Yucca

PERENNIALS

Astilbe
Baby's Breath
Bachelor's Buttons
Basket of Gold
Bee Balm
Black Eyed Susan
Blanket Flower
Candytuft
Chrysanthemum
Columbine
Creeping Phlox
Delphinium
Foxglove
Hellebore
Japanese Anemone
Lamb's Ears
Lavender
Lily of the Valley
Peony
Pincushion Flower
Purple Coneflower
Red Valerian
Rock Cress
Russian Sage
Sea Thrift
Stoke's Aster
Sweet Woodruff
Tickseed
Yarrow

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