



# DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

**Note: When food is scarce, deer will feed on plants they normally avoid, so it is a challenge to have a deer-proof garden. However, deer usually avoid eating the following plants.**

| BOTANICAL NAME                    | COMMON NAME                              |
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| <b>GROUNDCOVERS</b>               |  |
| Ajuga                             | Bugleweed                                |
| Convallaria majalis               | Lily-of-the-valley                       |
| Gaultheria procumbens, G. shallon | Creeping wintergreen, Salal, Shallon     |
| Lamium                            | Creeping lamium                          |
| Pachysandra                       | Japanese spurge / Pachysandra            |
| Thyme                             | Thyme                                    |
| Vinca                             | Periwinkle / Myrtle                      |
| <b>PERENNIALS</b>                 |  |
| Achillea                          | Yarrow                                   |
| Aconitum                          | Monkshood                                |
| Cimicifuga racemose               | Bugbane / Black cohosh / Black snakeroot |
| Alchemilla mollis                 | Lady's mantle                            |
| Allium                            | Chives                                   |
| Alyssum                           | Madworts / Basket of gold                |
| Anemone                           | Anemone / Windflower                     |
| Aquilegia                         | Columbine                                |
| Arisaema triphyllum               | Jack-in-the-pulpit                       |
| Artemisia                         | Wormwood                                 |
| Asarum                            | Wild ginger                              |
| Asclepias                         | Milkweed / Butterfly weed                |
| Aster                             | Aster                                    |
| Astilbe                           | Astilbe                                  |
| Athyrium felix-femina             | Lady fern                                |
| Athyrium niponicum var. pictum    | Japanese painted fern                    |
| Baptista                          | False indigo / Wild indigo               |
| Bergenia                          | Pig-squeak                               |
| Campanula                         | Bellflower                               |
| Centaurea                         | Bachelor's button                        |
| Ceratostigma                      | Plumbago / Blue leadwort                 |
| Chelone                           | Turtlehead                               |
| Coreopsis                         | Tickseed                                 |
| Corydalis lutea                   | Gold bleeding heart                      |
| Delphinium                        | Delphinium                               |
| Dianthus                          | Pinks / Carnation / Sweet William        |
| Dicentra                          | Bleeding hearts                          |
| Digitalis                         | Foxglove                                 |



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| Echinacea                  | Coneflower                            |
| Echinops                   | Globe thistle                         |
| Epimedium                  | Barrenwort                            |
| Erigeron                   | Fleabane / Sea holly                  |
| Eupatorium                 | Joy-Pye weed                          |
| Euphorbia                  | Spurge                                |
| Gaillardia                 | Blanket flower                        |
| Geranium                   | Cranesbill                            |
| Gypsophila                 | Baby's breath                         |
| Helenium                   | Sneezeweed                            |
| Helleborus                 | Hellebore                             |
| Iberis                     | Candytuft                             |
| Iris                       | Bearded, Beardless, Siberian, Bulbous |
| Kniphofia                  | Red hot poker / Torch lily            |
| Lavandula                  | Lavender                              |
| Leucathumum x superbum     | Shasta daily                          |
| Lobelia                    | Lobelia                               |
| Matteuccia struthiopteris  | Ostrich fern                          |
| Mertensia                  | Virginia bluebells                    |
| Mornada                    | Bee balm                              |
| Nepeta                     | Catmints                              |
| Oenothera                  | Sundrops / Evening primrose           |
| Onoclea sensibilis         | Sensitive fern / Bead fern            |
| Osmunda                    | Cinnamon fern, Royal fern             |
| Paeonia                    | Peony                                 |
| Papaver                    | Poppy                                 |
| Penstemon                  | Beardtongue                           |
| Perovskia atriplicifolia   | Russian sage                          |
| Phlox subulata             | Creeping phlox                        |
| Physostegia virginiana     | Obedient plant                        |
| Polemonium caeruleum       | Jacob's ladder                        |
| Polystichum acrostichoides | Christmas fern                        |
| Pulmonaria                 | Lungwort                              |
| Rheum                      | Ornamental rhubarb                    |
| Rudbeckia                  | Black-eyed Susan                      |
| Salvia                     | Sage                                  |
| Stachys byzantine          | Stachys byzantine                     |
| Tanacetum                  | Feverfew / Painted daisy              |
| Thyme                      | Thyme                                 |
| Tiarella                   | Foam flower                           |
| Verbascum                  | Mullein                               |
| Viola                      | Violet                                |
| <b>GRASSES</b>             |                                       |
| Calamagrostis              | Feather reed grass                    |



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| Carex                           | Sedge                          |
| Chasmanthium latifolium         | Northern sea oats              |
| Hypericum                       | St. John's wort                |
| Liriope                         | Lily-turf                      |
| Lupinus                         | Lupine                         |
| Lychnis coronaria               | Rose campion                   |
| Panicum                         | Switch grass                   |
| Pennisetum                      | Fountain grass                 |
| <b>VINES</b>                    |                                |
| Campsis radicans                | Trumpet vine                   |
| Parthenocissus                  | Virginia creeper, Boston ivy   |
| Wisteria                        | Wisteria                       |
| <b>TREES</b>                    |                                |
| Acer                            | Maple                          |
| Aesculus                        | Horsechestnut / Buckeye        |
| Amelanchier                     | Serviceberry                   |
| Betula                          | Birch                          |
| Catalpa                         | Indian bean tree / Catalpa     |
| Cercis Canadensis               | Eastern redbud                 |
| Cornus                          | Dogwood                        |
| Crataegus                       | Hawthorn                       |
| Fagus grandifolia, F. sylvatica | American beech, European beech |
| Fraxinus                        | Ash                            |
| Ginkgo biloba                   | Ginkgo / Maidenhair tree       |
| Gleditsia tricanthos            | Honeylocust                    |
| Liquidambar styraciflua         | Sweetgum                       |
| Magnolia                        | Magnolia                       |
| Prunus                          | Cherry, Nectarine, Peach, Plum |
| Robinia pseudoacacia            | Black locust                   |
| <b>SHRUBS</b>                   |                                |
| Berberis                        | Barberry                       |
| Buddleia davidii                | Butterfly bush                 |
| Chionanthus                     | Fringe tree                    |
| Cornus                          | Dogwood                        |
| Cotoneaster                     | Cotoneaster                    |
| Daphne                          | Daphne                         |
| Forsythia                       | Forsythia                      |
| Hibiscus                        | Rose of Sharon / Rose mallow   |
| Hypericum                       | St. John's wort                |
| Ilex                            | Holly                          |
| Kerria                          | Kerria                         |
| Kolwitzia amabilis              | Beautybush                     |
| Lindera benzoin                 | Spicebush                      |
| Lonicera                        | Honeysuckle                    |



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| Potentilla                  | Cinquefoil / Potentilla         |
| Sambucus                    | Elderberry                      |
| Spirea                      | Spirea / Bridalwreath           |
| Syringa                     | Lilac                           |
| Viburnum                    | Viburnum                        |
| <b>BROADLEAF EVERGREENS</b> |                                 |
| Arctostaphylos              | Bearberry                       |
| Buxus varieties             | Boxwood (various)               |
| Cotoneaster                 | Cotoneaster                     |
| Erica                       | Heath / Heather                 |
| Ilex                        | Holly                           |
| Kalmia                      | Mountain laurel                 |
| Mahonia                     | Oregon grape holly              |
| Pieris                      | Pieris                          |
| Yucca                       | Spanish bayonet / Adam's needle |
| <b>SPREADING EVERGREENS</b> |                                 |
| Juniperus                   | Juniper                         |
| Picea                       | Spruce                          |
| Pinus                       | Pine                            |
| <b>UPRIGHT EVERGREENS</b>   |                                 |
| Abies                       | Fir                             |
| Juniperus                   | Juniper                         |
| Larix                       | Larch                           |
| Picea                       | Spruce                          |
| Pinus                       | Pine                            |