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Deer resistant plants

The following plants are not generally eaten by deer – although if deer populations are high and food is scarce, they will eat almost anything. In general deer dislike highly-scented or prickly plants, but they will nibble on unpalatable plants located in their feeding area. Deer like Rhododendron, Taxus (yew), Thuja (arborvitae) and Cuprocyparis leylandii (Leyland cypress).

Perennials

Acanthus spp (Bear's breeches)
Achillea spp (Yarrow)
Aconitum spp (Monkshood)
Agastache spp (Giant hyssop)
Ajuga reptans (Bugleweed)
Alyssum spp (Madwort)
Amsonia tabernaemontana (Blue star)
Anemone spp (Anemone)
Angelica spp (Archangel)
Anthemis tinctoria (Marguerite)
Aquilegia spp (Columbine)
Arabis spp (Rockcress)
Arenaria Montana (Sandwort)
Arisaema spp (Jack-in-the-pulpit)
Armeria maritime (Sea thrift)
Artemisia spp (Mugwort)
Aruncus spp (Goatsbeard)
Asarum spp (Wild ginger)
Asclepias spp (Milkweed)
Astilbe spp (Astilbe)
Astrantia major (Masterwort)
Aurinia saxatilis (Basket of gold alyssum)

Calluna (Heather)
Campanula: carpatica, rotundifolia
Centaurea spp (Knapweed)
Centranthus ruber (Jupiter's beard)
Cerastium tomentosum (Snow-in-Summer)
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (Leadwort)
Chelone spp (Turtlehead)
Chrysanthemum spp (Chrysanthemum)
Cimicifuga spp (Bugbane)
Convallaria majalis (Lily-of-the-valley)
Coreopsis spp (Tickseed)
Corydalis lutea (Gold bleeding heart)
Crocsmia (Montbretia)

Dianthus spp (Pink)
Dicentra spp (Bleeding heart)
Dictamnus albus (Gas plant)
Digitalis spp (Foxglove)
Dodecatheon media (Shooting star)
Doronicum spp (Leopard's bane)

Echinacea purpurea (Purple coneflower)
Echinosps spp (Globe thistle)
Epimedium spp (Barrenwort)
Eremurus spp (Foxtail lily)
Erica (Heath)
Erigeron spp (Fleabane)
Eryngium spp (Sea holly)

Baptisia spp (False indigo)
Bergenia spp (Bergenia)
Boltonia asteroides (Boltonia)
Brunnera macrophylla (Siberian bugloss)

Erythronium americanum (Trout lily)
Eupatorium spp (Joe Pye weed)
Euphorbia spp (Spurge)

Ferns

Gaillardia (Blanket flower): aristate, grandiflora
Galium odoratum (Sweet woodruff)
Gaultheria (Wintergreen)
Geranium macrorrhizum (Bigroot geranium)
Geums
Glaucium flavum (Horned poppy)
Grasses (ornamental)
Gypsophila (Baby's Breath): paniculate, repens

Helenium autumnale (Sneezeweed)
Helianthus spp (Sunflower)
Helleborus spp (Hellebore)
Hepatica spp (Hepatica)
Hesperis matronalis (Dame's rocket)
Heuchera spp (Alumroot)
Hibiscus spp (Rose mallow)
Hydrastis canadensis (Goldenseal)

Iberis sempervirens (Candytuft)
Inula spp (Inula)
Iris: cristata, ensata, germanica, pseudocorus,
sibirica, tectorum

Kirengeshoma palmate (Yellow waxbell)
Knautia macedonia (Field scabious)
Kniphofia uvaria and hybrids (Red hot poker)

Lamium spp (Dead nettle)
Lamiastrum galeobdolon (Yellow archangel)
Lavandula angustifolia (English lavender)
Liatris spp (Blazing star)
Lychnis chalcedonica (Maltese cross)
Ligularia spp (Golden groundsel)
Limonium latifolium (Statice)
Linaria spp (Toadflax)
Linum perenne (Blue flax)
Liriope spicata (Lilyturf)
Lobelia spp (Lobelia)
Lupinus spp and hybrids (Lupine)
Lychnis spp (Campion)

Macleaya spp (Plume poppy)

Malva alcea (Hollyhock mallow)
Melissa officinalis (Lemon balm)
Mentha spp (Mint)
Mertensia virginica (Virginia bluebell)
Mitchella repens (Partridgeberry)
Monarda spp (Bee balm)

Nepeta spp (Catmint)

Oenothera spp (Evening primrose)
Ophiopogon japonicus (Mondo grass)
Origanum vulgare (Oregano)

Pachysandra terminalis (Japanese pachysandra)
Paeonia spp (Peony)
Papaver orientale (Oriental poppy)
Penstemon spp (Beard tongue)
Perovskia atriplicifolia (Russian sage)
Phlox: divaricata, stolonifera, subulate
Physostegia virginiana (Obedient plant)
Platycodon grandiflorus (Balloon flower)
Podophyllum peltatum (Mayapple)
Polemonium caeruleum (Jacob's ladder)
Primula spp (Primrose)
Pulmonaria spp (Lungwort)
Pycnanthemum spp (Mountain mint)

Ranunculus spp (Buttercup)
Ratibida spp (Prairie coneflower)
Rheum spp (Rhubarb)
Rudbeckia spp (Coneflower)

Sagina subulata (Irish moss)
Salvia spp (Sage)
Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot)
Santolina chamaecyparissus (Lavender cotton)
Saponaria spp (Soapwort)
Scabiosa caucasica (Pincushion flower)
Sedum kamtschaticum (Stonecrop)
Spurium (Caucasian stonecrop)
Sempervivum tectorum (Hens-and-chicks)
Sidalcea malviflora (Miniature hollyhock)
Silphium spp (Rosinweed)
Sisyrinchium angustifolium (Blue-eyed grass)
Solidago spp (Goldenrod)
Stachys: byzantina, officinalis
Symphytum spp (Comfrey)

Tanacetum vulgare (Common tansy)
Teucrium (Germander): canadense, chamaedrys
Thalictrum spp (Rue)
Thymus spp (Thyme)
Tiarella spp (Foamflower)
Tradescantia virginiana (Spiderwort)
Trillium spp (Wake robbin)
Trollius europaeus (Common globeflower)

Veronica (Speedwell): austriaca, spicata
Veronicastrum virginicum (Culver's root)
Vinca minor (Periwinkle)
Viola labradorica (Labrador violet)

Yucca filamentosa (Yucca)

Shrubs – Deciduous

Berberis spp (Barberry)
Buddleia davidii (Butterfly bush)
Callicarpa japonica (Japanese beautyberry)
Chaenomeles spp (Flowering quince)
Cotoneaster: apiculatus, horizontalis
Cytisus (Broom)
Daphne x burkwoodi (Daphne)
Deutzia gracilis (Slender deutzia)
Euonymus alatus (Burning bush)
Kolkwitzia amabilis (Beautybush)
Ligustrum amurense (Amur privet)
Potentilla fruticosa varieties (Bush cinquefoil)
Rosa spp (Roses)
Sorbaria sorbifolia (Ural false spirea)
Spirea (Meadowsweet): prunifolia, bumalda
Stephanandra incise (Cutleaf stephanandra)
Symphoricarpos albus (Common snowberry)

Shrubs – Evergreen

Buxus spp (Boxwood)
Cephalotaxus (Japanese plum yew)
Ilex glabra (Inkberry)
Juniperus spp (Juniper)
Kalmia latifolia (Mountain Laurel)
Pieris japonica (Japanese andromeda)
Pinus mugo (Mugo Pine)
Sarcococca (Sweet box)

Trees – Evergreen

Abies (Fir): concolor, fraseri
Cryptomeria (Japanese cedar)
Metasequoia glyptostroboides (Dawn redwood)
Picea (Spruce): abies, glauca, pungens glauca
Pinus (Pine): nigra, strobus, resinosa
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir)
Sciadopitys verticillata (Umbrella pine)

Trees – Deciduous

Aesculus hippocastanum (Horse chestnut)
Amelanchier spp (Serviceberry)
Betula papyrifera (Paper birch)
Cercis canadensis (Eastern redbud)
Cladrastis kentukea (Yellowwood)
Crataegus laevigata (English hawthorne)
Fagus sylvatica varieties (European beech)
Ilex opaca (American holly)
Koelreuteria paniculata (Golden rain tree)
Quercus rubra (Red oak)
Tilia cordata (Littleleaf linden)

Vines

Celastrus orbiculatus (Oriental bittersweet)
Hydrangea anomala petiolaris (Climbing hydrangea)
Parthenocissus: quinquefolia, tricuspidata

Bulbs and corms

Alliums spp (Onion)
Camassia spp (Quamash)
Crocus tomasinianus (Dalmatian crocus)
Galanthus nivalis (Common snowdrop)
Narcissus spp (Daffodil)
Scilla spp (Squill)