

Deer Resistant Plants

Many of us have seen deer throughout the area and later on had the experience of seeing their plants damaged from deer rubbing on or snacking on their beautiful ornamental plants. You could attempt to deter them with deer repellants or by fencing in your plants, but this isn't always 100% effective. Instead, you can decrease the damage done to your plants through the use of deer resistant plants. This handout will provide you with a list of plants that deer will rarely damage so you can feel better about the safety of your garden.



Figure 1 Deer Damage on Trees and Shrubs



Figure 2 Deer Damage on Annual and Perennial Plants

Annuals

- Ageratum
- Alyssum
- Salvia
- Marigold
- Dusty Miller
- Lantana
- Verbena
- Fountain grass
- Lemongrass

Perennials

- Allium
- Anise Hyssop
- Aster
- Bee Balm
- Balloon Flower
- Butterfly Weed
- Candytuft
- Cardinal Flower
- Catmint
- Columbine
- Delphinium
- False Indigo
- Foamflower
- Foxglove
- Gay-feather (Liatris)
- Globe Thistle
- Hens and Chicks
- Iris
- Lamb's ear
- Lavender
- Lenten Rose

- Lupine
- Peony
- False Sunflower
- Dianthus
- Poppy
- Primrose
- Coneflower
- Russian Sage
- Speedwell
- Threadleaf Coreopsis
- Toad Lily
- Yarrow
- Bugleweed
- Columbine

Ornamental Grasses

- Feather Reed Grass
- Little Bluestem
- Sedge
- Switchgrass

Shrubs

- Barberry
- Boxwood
- Witch Hazel
- Cotoneaster
- Juniper
- Spirea
- Viburnum
- Weigela
- Yucca

Trees

- Eastern Red Cedar
- Fir
- Pine
- Spruce
- Sugar Maple