



Deer Resistant Plants

Or No Bambi, No! Don't Eat My Plants!

These plants are known to be deer resistant. Remember that deer will taste almost everything (once) and if they are desperate they will eat almost anything. A fence is the most effective solution to deer browsing; large dogs can also help. There are many varieties of most of these plants, so your range of choices is really very broad.

Achillea (Yarrow)	Lysimachia (Gooseneck Loosestrife)
Aconitum (Monkshood)	Microbiota decussata (Conifer)
Agastache	Miscanthus (Maiden Grass)
Ajuga (Bugleweed)	Monarda (Bee Balm)
Alcea rosea (Hollyhocks)	Nepeta (Cat Mint)
Alchemilla mollis (Lady's Mantle)	Oenothera (Missouri Primrose)
Artemisia (Mugwort, Wormwood)	Oregano
Aster	Panicum (Switch Grass)
Berberis (Barberry)	Perovskia (Russian Sage)
Bergenia (Pigsqueak)	Phlomis
Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)	Picea pungens (Spruce)
Buxus (Boxwood)	Pinus mugo (Mugo Pine)
Centranthus (Jupiter's Beard)	Polemonium (Jacobs Ladder)
Coreopsis (Tickseed)	Potentilla (Cinequefoil)
Daphne	Pyreantha (Firethorn)
Daffodill	Rosemary
Digitalis (Foxglove)	Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan)
Echinacea (Coneflower)	Salvia (Culinary/Ornamental Sage)
Elaeagnus (Russian Olive)	Scabiosa (Pincushion)
Euonymus alatus (Burning bush)	Sedum (Stonecrop)
Fern	Taxus (Yew)
Fescue (Ornamental Grass)	Telekia
Geranium (Hardy Varieties)	Thalictrum (Meadow Rue)
Helictotrichon (Blue Oat Grass)	Thyme
Iris (Siberian only)	Veronica (Speedwell)
Juniperus (Virtually all junipers)	Viburnum (Nantberry)
Lavender	Vinca (Periwinkle)
Liatrus (Gayfeather)	Wisteria

Remember to protect young tree trunks from antler damage by using a wire cage.

The following recipe has proven effective when sprayed weekly in spring, once every 3 weeks in the summer.

3 gallons water, 1 cup beef bouillon (2 cubes), 1/4 hot oil (veg. oil that has been cooked with red pepper flakes, then cooled and strained), 1 tsp Chinese Hot Mustard, 2 eggs, and sticking agent to prevent wash off.

Apply with a backpack sprayer, with care to apply to tasty new shoots. This spray will kill hemlocks, so spray only what needs spraying and watch for damage. Success has been reported with tulips, roses, hostas, etc. using this formula.

Typically this spray is unnecessary when using the plants listed above.