

Deer Resistant Information Sheet

Plants Deer Eat Less Often

First off, what is candy to deer? Deer love narrow-leaf evergreens and show a preference for hostas, daylilies, and English ivy. What do deer dislike? They will stay away from poisonous and prickly plants as well as fragrant plants with strong odors. Keep in mind that the first rule in deer proofing is that there are really no deer-proof plants, but rather plants that deer rarely or seldom damage.

Shrubs

Boxwood varieties
Clethra alnifolia (Summersweet)
Forsythia (Forsythia x intermediata)
Virginia Sweetspire (Itea virginica)
'P.J.M.' Rhododendron
Butterfly Bush (Buddleia)
Winterberry Holly (Ilex verticillata)
American Holly (Ilex opaca)
Dwarf Alberta Spruce (Picea glauca 'Conica')
Willows (Salix)
Common Lilacs (Syringa vulgaris)
Yuccas
Viburnums
Junipers

Trees

White Flowering Dogwood (Cornus florida)
Chinese Dogwood (Cornus kousa)
American Smoketree (Cotinus obovatus)
Betty Magnolia (Magnolia 'Betty')
Globe Blue Spruce (Picea pungens glauca)
Mugho Pine (Pinus mugo)
Arborvitae (Thuja plicata)

Perennials

Allium
Iris
Lavender (Lavandula)
Columbine (Aquilegia)
Astilbe varieties (Astilbe)
Shasta Daisy varieties (Leucanthemum)
Foxglove (Digitalis)
Sweet Woodruff (Galium odoratum)
Lenten Rose (Helleborus)
Honeysuckle Vine (Lonicera)
Honeysuckle 'Dropmore Scarlet'
Pachysandra
Yarrow (Achillea)
Silver Mound (Artemisia)
Small Globe Thistle (Echinops)
Blue Fescue Grass (Festuca glauca)
Beebalm (Monarda)
Catmint (Nepeta)
Poppy (Papaver)
Russian Sage (Perovskio)
Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)
Bleeding Hearts (Dicentra)

Annuals

Lantana
Flowering Vinca
Marigold
Snapdragons
Ageratum
Verbena
Dusty Miller
Sweet Alyssum
Rosemary
Garden Sage
Thyme
Zinnia
Diamond Frost (Euphorbia)

Lavender

Mints

Lemon Balm

Bulbs

Hyacinth
Daffodils (Narcissus)