

Best Deer Resistant Landscape Plants



Which landscape plants won't deer eat?!

This is the question that we have attempted to answer. First, we collected deer resistant plant lists from across the Midwest - over 40 lists were collected. From this information, we pulled the plants that were consistently listed as deer-resistant. Our compiled list was sent to over 400 nurserymen, educators, naturalists and garden enthusiasts asking whether or not they found any of the plants to be left alone by deer. From the return responses, we compiled the following list, which represents the top picks of good landscape plants that are resistant *or minimally damaged by deer*.

***Note: Using plants in this list does not guarantee against deer damage. Deer populations and deer taste preferences are variable, and if you have large herds, you will more than likely experience deer damage.**

Plants listed in **bold** are the plants most frequently agreed deer resistant.

ANNUALS

Ageratum
 Allyssum
Cleome
 Dusty Miller
Lantana
 Nicotiana
 Plectranthus argenteus
 Salvia
 Snapdragon
 Vinca (annual vine)
 Zinnia angustifolia

BULBS

Allium
 Chionodoxa
 Colchicum
Daffodil
 Galanthus (Snowdrops)
 Grape Hyacinth
 Hyacinthoides (Squill)
 Leucojum
 Pushkinia

GROUNDCOVERS

Ajuga
Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)
 Galium (Sweet Woodruff)
 Lamiastrum
 Lamium
 Vinca minor
 Pachysandra

FERNS

Japanese Painted Fern
 Wood Fern
 Ostrich Fern
 Sensitive Fern
 Cinnamon Fern
 Royal Fern
 Christmas Fern

ORNAMENTAL

GRASSES
Miscanthus
Pennisetum
 Arundo
 Sporobolus
Panicum
 Calamagrostis
 Carex
 Saccharum (Erianthus)

VINES

Bignonia (Crossvine)
 Campsis
 Clematis paniculata
 Lonicera sempervirens
 Wisteria

SHRUBS

Abelia
 Aesculus parviflora
Berberis (Barberry)
Buddleia
 Callicarpa
 Calycanthus
Caryopteris
 Cotinus
 Forsythia
 Hypericum
 Lespedeza 'Gibraltar'
 Lindera
Myrica
 Rhus aromatica 'Gro-Low'
Spiraea
 Symphoricarpus
Vitex
 Yucca

EVERGREEN SHRUBS

Boxwood
 Ilex glabra-Inkberry
 Holly

Mugo Pine

Cephalotaxus
Juniper (low-growing - groundcover types)

EVERGREEN TREES

Magnolia grandiflora
 'Bracken's Brown Beauty'
 Picea abies
 Picea pungens
 Psuedotsuga menziesii

SUN PERENNIALS

Achillea
 Aesclepiya tuberosa
 Alchemilla
 Amsonia hubrichtii
 Aquilegia canadensis
Artemesia
 Aster lateriflorus 'Lady in Black'
 Aster oblongifolius
 'Raydon's Favorite'
 Asteromoea mongolica
 Baptisia australis
 Calamintha
 Chrysanthemum
 'Becky' (eat blooms)
 Coreopsis lanceolata
 Crocosmia
Dianthus 'Baths Pink',
 'Firewitch'

'Mountain Mist'
 Euphorbia myrsinites
 Euphorbia robbiae
 Geranium 'Biokova'
 Geranium sanguineum

Iris

Lavendula
 Liatris
 Monarda
 Oenothera
Paeonia
Perovskia
 Rudbeckia (eat blooms)

Salvia

Solidago
Stachys 'Helene Von Stein'
Thymus serpyllum
 Veronica

SHADE PERENNIALS

Aquilegia
Brunnera
 Chelone
 Dicentra
Epimedium
Galium odoratum
Helleborus
 Huechera villosa
 Lamium

PLANTS THAT DEER LOVE MOST!

Roses	Tulips
Hostas	Arborvitae
Impatiens	Daylily
Taxus	Sedum
Blue Holly	Phlox paniculata
China Holly	Oakleaf hydrangea
Euonymus	White Pine
Rhododendron	Scabiosa