

When considering plants in terms of their deer resistance, keep in mind that there are no plants—none—that are 100% deer-proof. In times of privation, deer will eat even poisonous plants, and fawns are notorious for nibbling almost anything. Seedlings and young shrubs and trees may need protection for a few seasons even though they are resistant when mature.

In other words, there are no guarantees as far as deer tastes are concerned. As their sources of food become scarcer with the development of housing and commerce, they are more and more likely to ‘invade’ our gardens as they try to survive.

Effective repellents are available that are safe and natural. Some products that we have the most confidence in are **Liquid Fence**, a spray that goes on the plant itself, **Deer Scram**, a granular material that is shaken onto the perimeter of planting areas, and **Plantskydd**, which comes in both liquid and granular form. There are other good products as well.

It is also possible to make your own potions or try hanging car fresheners or deodorant soaps (Irish Spring) in net bags on your vulnerable plants. Consider rotating products so the deer do not become accustomed to any one repellent.

Deer generally won't:

- * Browse very low or very high (extend their necks much) or stand on their hind legs
- * Eat aromatic plants, such as most herbs
- * Eat plants with fuzzy or prickly foliage

Deer often will:

- * Eat moist, leafy plants
- * Nibble plants—especially new ones—just to test them out
- * Eat the flowers on resistant plants just for their moisture
- * Eat resistant plants when they are hungry
- * Eat roses, tulips, pansies, petunias, agapanthus, photinia and raphiolepis



Some deer resistant plants
(1) most deer resistant
(2) Somewhat deer resistant
(3) Resistant when mature

African Daisy (1)	Delphinium (3)	Mondo Grass (1)
Agave (1)	Dianthus (2)	Morning Glory (1)
Ageratum (2)	Diascia (2)	Mulberry (3)
Ajuga (1)	Dracaena (1)	Nandina (3)
Angel's Trumpet (1)	Dusty Miller (1)	Oaks (2)
Angelonia Arborvitae (2)	Eleagnus (2)	Oleander (1)
Artemisia (2)	Erysimum (1)	Ornamental Grass (1)
Asparagus Fern (1)	Euryops (1)	Palms (1)
Aster (2)	Fatsia japonica (1)	Papyrus (1)
Baby's Breath (1)	Feijoa (2)	Pines (1)
Bacopa (1)	Felicia (2)	Plumbago (2)
Bamboo (1)	Fire Bush (2)	Pomegranate (1)
Bayberry (2)	Foxglove (1)	Portulaca (1)
Beard Tongue (2)	Gaillardia (1)	Potato Vine (1)
Beauty Bush (1)	Gardenia (2)	Pyracantha (1)
Bee Balm (1)	Garlic (1)	Rosemary (1)
Bird of Paradise (1)	Gazania (1)	Rudbeckia (1)
Black-Eye Susan Vine (1)	Geranium (2)	Russian Sage (1)
Bottlebrush (1)	Gerbera Daisy (2)	Salvia (1)
Boxwood (1)	Goldenrod (1)	Scabiosa (2)
Bush Daisy (1)	Gomphrena	Shasta Daisy (1)
Cactus (1)	Heliotrope (1)	Sisyrinchium – Blue Grass (1)
Calendula (2)	Holly (1)	Society Garlic (1)
Canna Lily (1)	Ice Plant (1)	Spirea (1)
Cape Honeysuckle (1)	Iris (1)	Sunflower (1)
Celosia (2)	Jade Plant (1)	Swan River Daisy (1)
Chamomile (1)	Jasmine (1)	Sweet Alyssum (1)
Cherry Laurel (1)	Juniper (1)	Sweet Gum (2)
Chrysanthemum (1)	Lamium (1)	Sweet Olive (2)
Citrus (3)	Lantana (1)	Sycamore (1)
Cleome (1)	Lavender (1)	Tibouchina (1)
Cordyline (1)	Leptospermum (1)	Veronica spp. (1)
Coreopsis (2)	Lion's Tail (2)	Viburnum (3)
Cosmos (3)	Liriope (1)	Vinca (1)
Crape Myrtle (3)	Lobelia (2)	Viola (1)
Creeping Fig (1)	Magnolia (1)	Wandering Jew (1)
Creeping Jenny (1)	Marguerite Daisy (2)	Yucca (1)
Cyclamen (3)	Mexican Sunflower (1)	
Dahlberg Daisy (2)	Milkweed (1)	