

Detering Deer

Info Sheet

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 repellants 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

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Some deer resistant plants

(1) most deer resistant

(2) Somewhat deer resistant

(3) Resistant when mature

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