

## THE BEST DEER-RESISTANT PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN

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### HOW TO TRY TO KEEP DEER OFF YOUR PROPERTY

- A dog in the yard
- Noisy and scary visual deterrents
- Sudden movement, sights and sounds
- Smelly or scary deer repellents

### BEST WAYS TO KEEP DEER OFF YOUR PROPERTY

- Let your LOUD DOG, or your neighbor's dog, spend plenty of time in your yard
- ELECTRIC FENCING
- PLANT THICK HEDGES of boxwood or other dense shrubs that deer don't like at least 4' high and wide
- FENCING – must be at least 8 feet tall stockade type fence or double see through fence layers 4 to 5 feet tall a few feet apart
- UNPALATABLE PLANTS work most of the time unless they have no other plants left to eat

### UNPALATABLE PLANTS - Deer are very sensitive to SMELL, TASTES and TEXTURES

#### HEAVILY FRAGRANCED PLANTS

##### HERBS

- Mints (ALL)
- Rosemary
- Thyme
- Sages
- Lemon balm
- Lemon verbena
- Chives
- Garlic chives
- Oregano
- Basil
- Lavender

#### VEGETABLES AND PLANTS IN THE ONION FAMILY

Garlic, scallions, leeks, shallots, chives, etc.

Alliums (Ornamental onions)

#### FRAGRANCED ORNAMENTALS PLANTS

*Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Beyond Midnight' (Bluebeard)

*Lamiastrum galeobdolon* 'Herman's Pride' (Yellow Archangel)

*Nepeta* 'Walker's Low' (Catmint)

*Agastache* 'Desert Sunrise' (Hummingbird Mint)

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*Perovskia atriplicifolia* (Russian Sage)  
*Salvia nemorosa* 'East Friesland' (Sage)  
*Salvia* spp. (Annual Sage)  
*Salvia splendens* (Scarlet Sage)  
 Black and Blue Sage (*Salvia guaranitica* 'Black and Blue')  
*Angelonia angustifolia* (Summer Snapdragon)  
*Lobularia maritima* (Sweet Alyssum)  
*Tagetes* spp. (Marigold)

## **TOXIC PLANTS**

*Skimmia japonica*  
*Skimmia japonica* 'Rubella'  
*Pieris japonica* (Andromeda, Lily-of-the-Valley Bush) Buds of *Pieris japonica* 'Dorothy Wyckoff',  
*Pieris japonica* blooms - *Pieris* j. 'Pink Delight,' *Pieris* 'White Pearl,' *Pieris* j. 'Valley Valentine,' *Pieris* j. 'Valley Rose'  
 New growth - *Pieris formosa forrestii* 'Wakehurst,' *Pieris* j. 'Katsura,' *Pieris* j. 'Umberto,' *Pieris* j. 'Mountain Fire,'  
*Pieris* 'Flaming Silver'  
*Helleborus orientalis* (Lenten Rose)  
 Daffodils (*Narcissus*)  
*Lamprocapnos spectabilis* a.k.a. *Dicentra* (Bleeding Heart)  
*Dicentra* 'Luxuriant' (Fringed Bleeding Heart)  
*Euphorbia amygdaloides* var. *robbiae* (Wood Spurge)  
*Aquilegia canadensis* (Columbine)  
*Iris sibirica* 'Caesar's Brother' (Siberian Iris)  
*Iris germanica* (Bearded Iris), *Iris germanica* 'Immortality', I. 'Harvest of Memories', *Iris* g. 'Autumn Circus', *Iris* 'Pink Attraction', *Iris* 'Champagne Elegance'  
*Helenium autumnale* 'Mariachi Ranchera' (Sneezeweed)  
*Lobelia cardinalis* (Cardinal Flower), *Lobelia siphilitica* (Great Blue Cardinal Flower)  
*Asclepias incarnata* (Swamp Milkweed)  
*Asclepias tuberosa* (Butterfly weed)  
*Euphorbia hypericifolia* 'Diamond Frost'  
*Lantana*

## **FUZZY or HAIRY FOLIAGE**

*Brunnera macrophylla* (Siberian Bugloss)  
*Pulmonaria saccharata* 'Mrs. Moon' (Lungwort)  
*Alchemilla mollis* (Lady's Mantle)  
*Stachys byzantine* (Lamb's Ears)  
*Senecio cineraria* (Dusty Miller)  
*Ageratum houstonianum* (Floss Flower)

## **FINE (needled), FINELY DISSECTED FOLIAGE**

*Thuja occidentalis* 'Congabe' (Fire Chief™ Globe Arborvitae)  
*Astilbe arendsii* 'Bridal Veil' (False Spirea)  
*Athyrium niponicum* var. *pictum* (Japanese Painted Fern)  
 Ferns - *Polystichum acrostichoides* (Christmas Fern), *Dryopteris filix-mas* (Male Fern), *Dryopteris celsa* (Log Fern),  
*Athyrium filix-femina* (Lady Fern), *Matteuccia struthiopteris* (Ostrich Fern)  
*Achillea millefolium* 'Saucy Seduction' (Yarrow)  
*Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam' (Threadleaf Tickseed)

## PRICKLY PLANTS

*Mahonia japonica bealei* (Grape Holly)  
*Picea glauca* ‘Conica’ (Dwarf Alberta Spruce)  
*Erica carnea* ‘Springwood Pink’ (Winter Heath)  
*Eryngium planum* ‘Blue Hobbit’ (Sea Holly)  
*Cleome hassleriana* (Spider flower)

## THEY JUST DON’T LIKE THE TASTE OF THESE PLANTS

*Osmanthus heterophyllus* ‘Goshiki’ (False Holly)  
*Spiraea japonica* ‘Double Play® Red’ (Spirea)  
*Lagerstroemia* ‘Berry Dazzle’ (Dwarf Crape Myrtle)  
*Armeria maritima* (Sea Thrift)  
*Heuchera* spp. (Coral Bells)  
*Heuchera villosa* ‘Citronelle’ (Coral Bells)  
*Hakonechloa macra* ‘All Gold’ (Japanese Forest or Hakone Grass)  
*Verbena bonariensis* (Brazilian Verbena)  
*Strobilanthes dyerianus* (Persian Shield)  
Ornamental Peppers (*Capsicum*)  
*Begonia semperflorens* (Wax Begonia)

MORE UNPALATABLE ANNUALS - Cockscomb (*Celosia* sp.), Cosmos (*Cosmos sulphureus*), *Zinnia*

## ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

*Calamagrostis x acutiflora* ‘Karl Foerster’ (Feather Reed Grass)  
*Panicum* spp. (Switch Grass, Panic Grass)  
*Panicum virgatum* ‘Northwind’ (Switch Grass)

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## STEERING CLEAR – IMPORTANT FOR YOUR SAFETY WHEN DRIVING

- Drive more carefully during twilight hours, as this is when deer are more active.
- Watch for glowing eyes from the side of the road car due to deer’s eyes reflecting headlights.
- Slow down or stop, if needed, when you see a deer near the roadway as there’s never just one.
- Honking may ward it off, but **DON’T FLASH YOUR HEADLIGHTS**, which will cause “deer-in-the-headlights” stop and stare
- If you can’t avoid a collision, **break but DON’T SWERVE**. Let up on the brakes just prior to impact. This allows your vehicle to go over the deer, rather than the deer going through your windshield.

## NOTES: