

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.

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