

# Deer Resistant Plants

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## SHRUBS AND TREES

Botanical Name	Common Name
	All Palms
<i>Abies</i> spp.	Fir
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>	Bottle Brush Buckeye
<i>Ajuga</i> spp.	Bugle Weed
<i>Albizia</i> spp.	Mimosa
<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	Aspidistra
<i>Berberis</i> spp.	Barberry
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch
<i>Buddleia davidii</i> *	Butterfly Bush
<i>Buxus</i> spp.*	Boxwood
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	Incense Cedar
<i>Cedrus</i> spp.	Cedar
<i>Cephalotaxus</i> spp.	Plum-Yew
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Redbud
<i>Cotinus coggygris</i> *	Smoke tree
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Dogwood
<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.	Cotoneaster
<i>Crataegu</i> spp.	Hawthorn
<i>Cupressus</i> spp.	Cypress
<i>Cupressocyparis leylandi</i>	Leyland Cypress
<i>Cycas</i> spp.	Cycad
<i>Cyrtomiun falcatum</i>	Holly Fern
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> *	Scotch broom
<i>Daphne</i> spp.	Daphne
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Persimmon
<i>Eleagnus pungens</i>	Eleagnus
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	Eucalptus, Gum
<i>Ficus</i> spp.*	Fig
<i>Forythia x intermedia</i>	Forsythia
<i>Gardenia</i> spp.'	Gardenia
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Maidenhair tree
<i>Ilex</i> spp. (except thornless)	Holly
<i>Ilex cornuta</i> `Rotunda'	Rotunda Holly
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly

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<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>	Yaupon Holly
<i>Illicium anisatum</i>	Anise
<i>Juniperus</i> spp.*	Juniper
<i>Kerria japonica</i> *	Kerria
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crape Myrtle
<i>Gordonia lasianthus</i>	Gordonia
<i>Leucothoe</i> spp.	Leucothoe
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	Ligustrum
<i>Maclura pomifera</i>	Osage orange
<i>Magnolia</i> spp.	Magnolia
<i>Mahonia</i> spp.*	Mahonia
<i>Michelia fuscata</i>	Banana Shrub
<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	Wax Myrtle
<i>Nandina domestica</i> *	Nandina
<i>Nerium oleander</i> *	Oleander
<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Jerusalem Thorn
<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	Empress Tree
<i>Picea</i> spp.	Spruce
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	Pine
<i>Pittosporum</i> spp.	Pittosporum
<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>	Podocarpus
<i>Prunus caroliniana</i> *	Cherry Laurel
<i>Pyracantha</i> spp.	Pyracantha
<i>Rhododendron</i> spp.* (except leaved varieties)	Rhododendron
<i>Rhododendron Indicum</i>	Formosa Azelea
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black locust
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Rosemary
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	Lilac
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress
<i>Thuja</i> spp.	Arborvitae
<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	Windmill palm
<i>Viburnum</i> spp.	Viburnum
<i>Yucca</i> spp.	Yucca

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## GROUND COVERS, VINES, FLOWERS

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<u>Agapanthus africanus</u>	Blue lily
<u>Agave</u> spp.	Century plant
<u>Aloe</u> spp.	Aloe
<u>Althaea rosea</u>	Hollyhock
<u>Aquilegia</u> spp.	Columbine
<u>Cactaceae</u> spp.	Cactus
<u>Calendula officinalis</u> *	Pot marigold
<u>Centaurea</u> spp.	Cornflower
<u>Chrysanthemum</u> spp.*	Mum
<u>Clematis</u> spp.	Clematis
<u>Delphinium</u> spp.	Larkspur
<u>Dicentra pectabilis</u>	Bleeding heart
<u>Digitalis</u> spp.	Foxglove
<u>Eschscholzia californica</u>	California poppy
<u>Gerbera</u> spp.*	Transvaal daisy

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<u>Hedera</u> spp.	Some Ivies
<u>Helianthus</u> spp.	Sunflower
<u>Helleborus</u> spp.*	Lenten Rose
<u>Iris</u> spp.	Iris
<u>Jasminum</u> spp.*	Jasmine
<u>Lantana montevidensis</u>	Lantana
<u>Lavandula</u> spp.	Lavender
<u>Lobelia laxiflora</u>	Lobelia
<u>Lupinus</u> spp.*	Lupine
<u>Myosotis</u> spp.	Forget-me-not
<u>Narcissus</u> spp.*	Narcissus, Daffodil, Jonquil
<u>Tradescantia</u> spp.	Spiderwort
<u>Tulipa</u>	Tulip
<u>Vinca</u> spp.	Periwinkle

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