



Deer Resistant Plants

There is nothing more frustrating than watching deer dine on your landscaping. To make matters worse, deer are creatures of habit. Once they discover your garden, they will visit regularly. Males can also cause damage by rubbing their antlers along the stems or trunks of trees, stripping off the bark.

To control the problem, deer need to be discouraged as soon as they first appear. The first option is to physically restrict deer by enclosing your entire yard or garden with fencing at least six feet tall. If you only wish to protect a few trees or shrubs, you can use barrier fencing around these plants. The second option is using a repellent. Hinsdale Nurseries carries a very effective product called Liquid Fence.

If neither option is for you, you can always choose plants that are recommended as deer resistant. Deer usually stay away from plants that are poisonous, have strong aromas, or have coarse, fuzzy, bristly or spiny textures. Deer also tend to stay away from daffodils, but love eating tulips. When shopping for bulbs, look for mixes that are labeled Deer Resistant. Below is a list of Hinsdale Nurseries recommended Deer Resistant Plants.

Trees and Shrubs:

Botanic Name	Common Name
Acer sp.	Maple
Aronia arbutifolia	Chokeberry
Betula sp.	Birch
Berberis sp.	Barberry
Carpinus sp.	Hornbeam
Caryopteris sp.	Blue Mist Shrub
Cercis sp.	Redbud
Chaenomeles sp.	Quince
Clethra sp.	Summersweet
Cornus sp.	Dogwood
Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster
Crataegus sp.	Hawthorn
Fagus sp.	Beech
Forsythia sp.	Forsythia
Ginkgo biloba	Maidenhair
Gleditsia triacanthos	Honeylocust
Gymnocladus dioicus	Kentucky coffee tree

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Hammamelis sp.	Witchhazel
Hydrangea sp.	Hydrangea
Kerria japonica	Japanese kerria
Ligustrum sp.	Privet
Lonicera sp.	Honeysuckle
Magnolia sp.	Magnolia
Philadelphus sp.	Mockorange
Potentilla sp.	Potentilla
Quercus sp.	Oak
Rhus sp.	Sumac
Salix sp.	Willow
Syringa vulgaris	Lilac
Taxodium distichum	Baldcypress
Tilia sp.	Linden
Ulmus sp.	Elm
Viburnum sp.	Viburnum
Weigela sp.	Weigela

Perennials:

Achillea	Coreopsis
Ajuga	Echinacea
Alechemilla mollis	Ferns
Anemone	Festuca glauca
Aquilegia	Geranium sanguineum
Astilbe	Iris
Buddleia	Lavender
Clematis	Liatris

Ligularia	Perovskia
Liriope	Phlox
Miscanthus sinensis	Rudbeckia
Monarda	Salvia
Napeta	Sedum
Pachysandra terminalis	Stachys
Paeonia	Thymus
Parthenocissus tricuspidata	Vinca minor