

Deer Resistant Plants

As our area's population increases and predators are eliminated, the local black-tail deer are increasing in numbers. Their natural food supply in turn is dwindling. It would be very typical for the deer to turn to what is available in the neighboring gardens. Short of building a 6-8' solid or wire fence to keep the deer out, you can use the option of planting trees and shrubs that are distasteful to them. But don't forget that a starving animal will eat almost anything after their favorites are gone!

Following is a list of plants that are fairly deer proof:

Trees

Abies
Acer circinatum
Acer negundo
Acer palmatum
Aeculus
Albizia julibrissin
Araucaria
Cedrus
Cercis occidentalis
Chamaerops humilis
Fig (Ficus)
Ginkgo biloba
Juglans-walnut
Liquidamber
Magnolia
Picea
Pinus
Pseudotsuga menziesii
Quercus
Rhus
Robinia pseudocacia
Sequoiadendron
Sorbus aucuparia
Thuja plicata
Trachycarpus fortunei

Shrubs

Abelia
Arbutus
Aronia arbutifolia
Bamboo
Berberis
Buddleia
Buxus
Calluna
Calycanthus
Ceanothus
Chaenomeles
Choisya ternata
Cistus
Clematis
Corokia
Cotinus coggygria
Daphne
Eleagnus
Fatsia japonica
Feijoa
Ilex
Juniperus
Kerria
Kolkwitzia
Mahonia
Myrica californica
Nandina domestica
Rhododendron
Ribes

Shrubs (cont)

Sarcococca
Wisteria
Pieris
Potentilla
Pyracantha

Annual Flowers

Ageratum
Celosia
Centaurea
Chrysanthemum
Cosmos
California poppy
Dahlia
Dusty Miller
Euryops
Felicia
Heliachrysum
Impatiens
Limonium
Lobelia
Lobularia
Mimulus
Myosotis (forget-me-nots)
Salvia
Sanvitalia
Verbena
Wallflower

Perennials/Bulbs

Acanthus mollis
Achillea
Agapanthus
Anemone
Artemesia
Centaurea
Centranthus
Cerastium tomentosum
Chrysanthemum
Coreopsis
Crococsmia
Crocus
Dahlia
Dicentra
Digitalis
Epimedium
Erigeron
Erodium
Erysimum
Euphorbia
Frittilaria imperialis
Galium odoratum
Gunnera
Helleborus
Hemerocallis
Iberis
Iris

Groundcovers

Ajuga
Arctostaphylos
Fragaria
Hedera helix
Hypericum calycinum
Gaultheria
Lithodora diffusa
Sagina
Thymus
Veronica
Vinca

Ixia
Kniphofia (Hot Poker)
Lavendula
Lobelia cardinalis
Lupinus
Lychnis
Monarda
Muscari
Myosotis
Narcissus
Nepeta
Oregano
Papaver orientale
Plumbago
Raoulia australis
Rudbeckia
Salvia
Santolina
Scabiosa
Scilla
Silene
Sisyrinchium
Stachys
Teucrium
Tradescantia
Trillium

Ornamental Grasses

Acorus
Carex
Cortaderia
Erianthus
Festuca
Hakonechloa
Helictotrichon
Imperata
Juncus
Liriope
Miscanthus
Pennisetum