

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! The following is a list of plants that are fairly deer proof:

Trees

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

Ground Covers

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

Shrubs

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

Annual Flowers

Ageratum	Dahlia	Limonium	Salvia
Celosia	Dusty Miller	Lobelia	Sanvitalia
Centaurea	Euryops	Lobularia	Snapdragon
Chrysanthemum	Felicia	Marigold	Verbena
Cosmos	Heliachrysum	Mimulus	Wallflower
California poppy	Impatiens	Myosotis (Forget-Me-Not)	Zinnia

Ornamental Grasses

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

Revised 4/3/23

Perennials / Bulbs			
Acanthus mollis	Dahlia	Iris	Plumbago
Achillea	Dicentra	Ixia	Raoulia australis
Agapanthus	Digitalis	Kniphofia (Hot Poker)	Rudbeckia
Anemone	Epimedium	Lavendula	Salvia
Artemesia	Erigeron	Lobelia cardinalis	Santolina
Astilbe	Erodium	Lupinus	Scabiosa
Brunnera	Erysimum	Lychnis	Scilla
Centaurea	Euphorbia	Monarda	Silene
Centranthus	Frittilaria imperialis	Muscari	Sisyrinchium
Cerastium tomentosum	Galium odoratum	Myosotis	Stachys
Chrysanthemum	Gunnera	Narcissus	Teucrium
Coreopsis	Helleborus	Nepeta	Tradescantia
Crocsmia	Hemerocallis	Oregano	Trillium
Crocus	Iberis	Papaver orientale	