



Resistance Of Woody And Herbaceous Plants To Deer Damage

This list is included only as a guideline and was developed from a variety of sources which may not all be equally reliable. Note that no plant is completely "deer-proof", particularly when deer densities are high.

Woody Ornamental Plants Rarely Damaged by Deer

- American holly
- Common boxwood
- Colorado blue spruce

Herbaceous Plants Rarely Damaged by Deer

Annuals & Biennials

- Ageratum
- Blanket flower
- Blue salvia
- Cleome
- Dahlia
- Dusty miller
- Edging lobelia
- Forget-me-not
- Four O'clock
- Heliotrope
- Marigold
- Morning glory
- Parsley
- Polka-dot plant
- Poppy
- Snapdragon
- Sweet alyssum
- Sweet basil
- Thorn apple
- Verbena
- Wax begonia
- Zonal geranium

Perennials

- American bittersweet
- Amsonia
- Anemones
- Angelica
- Astilbe
- Avers
- Baby's breath
- Balloon flower
- Barrenwort
- Basket of gold
- Bittersweet
- Beebalm
- Bergenia
- Bishop's weed
- Bleeding heart
- Boltonia
- Bugbane
- Bugleweed
- Buttercup
- Butterfly bush
- Candytuft
- Christmas fern
- Cinnamon fern
- Cinquefoil
- Clematis
- Columbine
- Coreopsis
- Crown imperial
- Daffodil
- Dead nettle
- Evening primrose
- False indigo
- Feverfew
- Forget-me-not
- Garlic chives
- Gas plant
- Globe thistle
- Goatsbeard
- Goldenrod
- Hay-scented fern
- Heath
- Heather
- Hellebore
- Hungarian speedwell
- Interrupted fern
- Jack-in-the-pulpit
- Jacob's ladder
- Japanese pachysandra
- Joe-pye weed
- Knapweed
- Kirengeshoma
- Labrador violet
- Lamb's ear
- Lavender
- Lily-of-the-valley
- Lupine
- Lungwort
- Mint
- Mullein
- New York fern
- Oregano
- Ornamental onion
- Ostrich fern
- Oriental poppy
- Painted daisy
- Partridgeberry
- Pennyroyal
- Perennial blue flax
- Plumbago
- Primrose
- Purple coneflower
- Queen-of-the-prairie
- Rhubarb
- Ribbon grass
- Rosemary
- Royal fern
- Sage
- Scilla
- Sensitive fern
- Shasta daisy
- Soapwort
- Spike gayfeather
- Statice
- Sundrops
- Sweet Cicely
- Sweet William
- Sweet Woodruff
- Tiger lily
- Toadflax
- Turtlehead
- Tussock bellflower
- Wisteria
- Wormwood
- Yarrow
- Yucca

Woody Ornamental Plants **Seldom** Severely Damaged by Deer

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| ▪ American bittersweet | ▪ Corkscrew willow | ▪ Japanese flowering cherry | ▪ Red osier dogwood |
| ▪ Austrian pine | ▪ English hawthorn | ▪ Japanese wisteria | ▪ Red pine |
| ▪ Beautybush | ▪ European beech | ▪ Kousa dogwood | ▪ Redvein enkianthus |
| ▪ Chinese holly | ▪ European white birch | ▪ Mountain laurel | ▪ Scots pine |
| ▪ Chinese junipers | ▪ Forsythia | ▪ Mugo pine | ▪ White spruce |
| ▪ Common lilac | ▪ Honey locust | ▪ Pitch pine | |
| ▪ Common sassafras | ▪ Inkberry | | |

Woody Ornamental Plants **Occasionally** Severely Damaged by Deer

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| ▪ Allegheny serviceberry | ▪ Cranberry cotoneaster | ▪ Japanese tree lilac | ▪ Rose of Sharon |
| ▪ Anthony water spirea | ▪ Dawn redwood | ▪ Judd viburnum | ▪ Rugosa rose |
| ▪ Basswood | ▪ Deciduous azaleas | ▪ Koreanspice viburnum | ▪ Saucer magnolia |
| ▪ Border forsythia | ▪ Doublefile viburnum | ▪ Late lilac | ▪ Silver maple |
| ▪ Bradford callery pear | ▪ Douglas fir | ▪ Leatherleaf viburnum | ▪ Smokebush |
| ▪ Bridalwreath spirea | ▪ Downy serviceberry | ▪ Northern red oak | ▪ Smooth hydrangea |
| ▪ Bush cinquefoil | ▪ Eastern hemlock | ▪ Oldfashion weigelia | ▪ Staghorn sumac |
| ▪ Carolina hemlock | ▪ Eastern red cedar | ▪ Panicked dogwood | ▪ Sugar maple |
| ▪ Carolina rhododendron | ▪ Eastern white pine | ▪ Panicked hydrangea | ▪ Sweet cherry |
| ▪ Chestnut oak | ▪ European larch | ▪ Paperbark maple | ▪ Sweet mock orange |
| ▪ China girl/boy holly | ▪ Firethorn | ▪ Persian lilac | ▪ Trumpet creeper |
| ▪ Climbing hydrangea | ▪ Greenspire littleleaf linden | ▪ Privet | ▪ Virginia creeper |
| ▪ Common horsechestnut | ▪ Japanese cedar | ▪ Red maple | ▪ White fir |
| ▪ Common pear | ▪ Japanese flowering quince | ▪ Rockspray cotoneaster | ▪ White oak |
| ▪ Common witchhazel | ▪ Japanese holly | ▪ Rosebay rhododendron | ▪ Willows |

Herbaceous Plants **Occasionally** Damaged by Deer

Annuals & Biennials

- Pansy
- Sunflower

Perennials

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| ▪ Coneflower | ▪ Iris | ▪ Sedum |
| ▪ Cranesbill geranium | ▪ Meadow rue | ▪ Wood hyacinth |
| ▪ English ivy | ▪ Peony | |

Woody Ornamental Plants **Frequently** Severely Damaged by Deer

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| ▪ American arborvitae | ▪ Cherries | ▪ Japanese yew | ▪ Plums |
| ▪ Atlantic white cedar | ▪ Clematis | ▪ Pinxterbloom azalea | ▪ Rhododendrons |
| ▪ Apples | ▪ Cornelian dogwood | ▪ European mountain ash | ▪ Wintercreeper |
| ▪ Atlantic white cedar | ▪ English ivy | ▪ Evergreen azaleas | |
| ▪ Balsam fir | ▪ English yew | ▪ Frazer fir | |
| ▪ Catawba rhododendron | ▪ English/Japanese hybrid yew | ▪ Hybrid tea rose | |

Herbaceous Plants **Frequently** Damaged by Deer

Annuals & Biennials

- Hollyhocks
- Impatiens
- Mexican sunflower

Perennials

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| ▪ Cardinal flower | ▪ Daylily | ▪ Rose |
| ▪ Crocus | ▪ Hosta | ▪ Tulips |