

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
- Avens
- 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ American bittersweet▪ Austrian pine▪ Beautybush▪ Chinese holly▪ Chinese junipers▪ Common lilac▪ Common sassafras	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Corkscrew willow▪ English hawthorn▪ European beech▪ European white birch▪ Forsythia▪ Honey locust▪ Inkberry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Japanese flowering cherry▪ Japanese wisteria▪ Kousa dogwood▪ Mountain laurel▪ Mugo pine▪ Pitch pine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Red osier dogwood▪ Red pine▪ Redvein enkianthus▪ Scots pine▪ White spruce
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Woody Ornamental Plants Occasionally Severely Damaged by Deer

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Allegheny serviceberry▪ Anthony water spirea▪ Basswood▪ Border forsythia▪ Bradford callery pear▪ Bridalwreath spirea▪ Bush cinquefoil▪ Carolina hemlock▪ Carolina rhododendron▪ Chestnut oak▪ China girl/boy holly▪ Climbing hydrangea▪ Common horsechestnut▪ Common pear▪ Common witchhazel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cranberry cotoneaster▪ Dawn redwood▪ Deciduous azaleas▪ Doublefile viburnum▪ Douglas fir▪ Downy serviceberry▪ Eastern hemlock▪ Eastern red cedar▪ Eastern white pine▪ European larch▪ Firethorn▪ Greenspire littleleaf linden▪ Japanese cedar▪ Japanese flowering quince▪ Japanese holly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Japanese tree lilac▪ Judd viburnum▪ Koreanspice viburnum▪ Late lilac▪ Leatherleaf viburnum▪ Northern red oak▪ Oldfashion weigelia▪ Panicled dogwood▪ Panicled hydrangea▪ Paperbark maple▪ Persian lilac▪ Privet▪ Red maple▪ Rockspray cotoneaster▪ Rosebay rhododendron	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rose of Sharon▪ Rugosa rose▪ Saucer magnolia▪ Silver maple▪ Smokebush▪ Smooth hydrangea▪ Staghorn sumac▪ Sugar maple▪ Sweet cherry▪ Sweet mock orange▪ Trumpet creeper▪ Virginia creeper▪ White fir▪ White oak▪ Willows
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Herbaceous Plants Occasionally Damaged by Deer

<p>Annuals & Biennials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pansy▪ Sunflower	<p>Perennials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Coneflower▪ Cranesbill geranium▪ English ivy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Iris▪ Meadow rue▪ Peony	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sedum▪ Wood hyacinth
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Woody Ornamental Plants Frequently Severely Damaged by Deer

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ American arborvitae▪ Atlantic white cedar▪ Apples▪ Atlantic white cedar▪ Balsam fir▪ Catawba rhododendron	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cherries▪ Clematis▪ Cornelian dogwood▪ English ivy▪ English yew▪ English/Japanese▪ hybrid yew	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Japanese yew▪ Pinxterbloom azalea▪ European mountain ash▪ Evergreen azaleas▪ Frazer fir▪ Hybrid tea rose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Plums▪ Rhododendrons▪ Wintercreeper
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<p>Annuals & Biennials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hollyhocks▪ Impatiens▪ Mexican sunflower	<p>Perennials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cardinal flower▪ Crocus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Daylily▪ Hosta	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rose▪ Tulips
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