Hunting does not stop the spread of Lyme disease: Although deer are the primary carrier of the adult lyme disease tick many wildlife species carry the larval and nymph stages of the tick which are most infectious to humans. The tick can be found on 49 bird species and are commonly carried by white-footed mice, chipmunks, grey squirrels, voles, foxes, rabbits, and opossums. When deer numbers are reduced, ticks tend to congregate at higher densities on the remaining deer or switch to alternate hosts.

Killing deer won’t reduce automobile accidents: Killing some deer does absolutely nothing to prevent the surviving deer from crossing the roads. It even has been suggested that hunting season has a disruptive effect by startling deer and putting them more “on the run”.

Bow hunting: Bow hunting does not effectively reduce deer populations due to extremely high crippling rates. Scientific studies indicate that bow hunting yields more than a 50% crippling rate. While a deer shot with a rifle takes 5-10 minutes to die an animal shot by a bow may take 60-70 minutes.

Hunting actually increases the deer population: While the numbers do decrease immediately after a hunt, over time the deer population increases due to increased nutritional health for the remaining deer. Several scientific studies indicate that better-nourished deer have higher productivity, lower neonatal mortality, increased conception rates, and increased pregnancy in yearlings. In hunted populations, does are more likely to have twins rather than single fawns, and are more likely to reproduce at a younger age, helping the population grow even faster.

Hunting won’t stop deer from eating ornamental flowers and plants: Killing deer because we want to protect certain vegetation does not stop the surviving deer from eating those same plants. See list of ‘deer-resistant’ plants on back. Also deer repellants, and fencing techniques designed to minimize garden and landscape damage by deer are recommended.
# Deer-Resistant Plants

## TREES
- Allegheny Serviceberry
- American Beech
- Bottlebrush Buckeye
- Bradford Pear
- Chinese Paper Birch
- Corkscrew Willow
- Crape myrtle
- Downey Serviceberry
- European Beech
- Heritage Birch
- Honeylocust
- Japanese Cherry
- Magnolia
- Paper Birch
- Red Maple
- Sassafras
- Walnut
- Weeping Willow

## EVERGREEN TREES
- Black Pine
- Colorado Spruce
- Douglas Fir
- Frasier Fir
- Japanese Ceder
- Magnolia
- Norway Spruce
- Red Pine
- Scots Pine
- White Spruce

## EVERGREEN SHRUBS
- Boxwood
- Cherry Laurel
- Drooping Leucothoe
- Inkberry
- Japanese Andromedia
- Japanese Garden Juniper
- Japanese Holly
- Mugo Pine
- Oregon Grape Holly
- Viburnam
- Wintergreen Barberry

## DECIDIOUS SHRUBS
- Abelia
- Barberry
- Beautybush
- Cinquefoil
- Cotoneaster
- Forsythia
- Lilac
- Smokebush
- Spirea
- Viburnam

## GROUND COVER
- Bugleweed
- Fern
- Pachysandra
- Periwinkle

## PERENNIALS
- Astilbe
- Bachelor Button
- Balloon Flower
- Barrenwort
- Basket of Gold
- Bee Balm
- Bellflower
- Black-eyed Susan
- Bleeding Heart
- Blue Milkweed
- Bolton’s Aster
- Catmint
- Columbine
- Coral Bells
- Coreopsis
- False Indego
- Gas Plant
- Gayfeather
- Globe Thistle
- Goatsbeard
- Golden Marguerite
- Goldenrod
- Grasses
- Hellabore
- Hen & Chicks
- Jack in the Pulpit
- Joe Pye Weed
- Lamb’s Ear
- Lavender
- Lily of the Valley
- Meadowsweet
- Monkshood
- Peony
- Plumbago

## ANNUALS
- Begonia
- Cleome
- Dahlia
- Foxglove
- Hollyhock
- Marigold
- Petunia
- Salvia
- Snapdragon
- Zinnia

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