



*preventing suffering, teaching compassion*

## FACT SHEET: You Can Have a Beautiful Garden in Deer Country

Do not choose plants the deer love to eat like Hosta, Tulips, Roses, Lilies, English Ivy, Azaleas and Yew, unless you are prepared to spray repellents more frequently.

There are excellent repellent sprays on the market for existing plants the deer might be nibbling on. Sprays like Liquid Fence, Deer Away Big Game Repellent, Tree Guard, Deer Out and Ropel work very well when reapplied as directed and after heavy rain. They can be found at local garden centers.

Many people forget to spray evergreens in the winter when deer are the hungriest and buds in spring time are a real treat for deer, so spray more often then. Spraying year round trains the deer to avoid areas you want them to stay away from.

Protect small trees from buck rubs in the fall and winter by putting corrugated sleeves on the trunks.

Aromatic foliage like commonly cultivated herbs we use in cooking are disliked by deer and can be planted among more vulnerable plants to protect them.

Deer seem to stay clear of plants that are fuzzy like Lamb's Ear, Foxglove and Black-eyed Susan.

Thorns, spines, and needles provide clues that these choices are generally deer resistant. Hard, needle type foliage found on many evergreens such as Spruce and Pine provide very good protection from the deer.

Master gardeners have observed that deer rarely eat plants that produce yellow flowers.

***Killing some deer will not stop the remaining deer from eating your plants!***

No other method whether it involves lethal or non-lethal means, is as effective over the long term as fencing. Fencing can be installed in all terrains and over areas large or small. It can be solid or invisible, man-made or natural hedges.

## 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  
Scotts Pine  
White Spruce

### **Evergreen**

#### **Shrubs**

Boxwood  
Cherry Laurel  
Drooping  
Leucothoe  
Inkberry  
Japanese  
Andromeda  
Japanese  
Garden Juniper  
Japanese Holly  
Mugo Pine  
Oregon Grape  
Holly  
Viburnum  
Wintergreen  
Barberry

### **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  
Goastbeard  
Golden  
Margeite  
Goldenrod  
Grasses  
Hellabore  
Hen & Chicks  
Jack in the  
Pulpit  
Joe Pye Weed  
Lamb's Ear  
Turtlehead  
Windflower  
Wormwood  
Yarrow

### **Perennials**

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Lavender  
Lily of the  
Valley  
Meadowsweet  
Monkshood  
Peony  
Plumbago  
Plume Flower  
Poppy  
Purple  
Coneflower  
Purple Spurge  
Ragwort  
Russian Sage  
Salvia  
Spiderwort

### **Ground Cover**

Bugleweed  
Fern  
Pachysandra  
Periwinkle

### **Decidious**

#### **Shrubs**

Abelia  
Barberry  
Beautybush  
Cinquefoil  
Cotoneaster  
Forythia  
Lilac  
Smokebush  
Spirea  
Viburnum

### **Annuals**

Begonia  
Cleome  
Dahlia  
Foxglove  
Hollyhock  
Marigold  
Petunia  
Salvia  
Snapdragons  
Zinnia

### **Bulbs**

Allium  
Bluebells  
Crown Imperial  
Cyclamen  
Daffodil  
Hyacinth  
Iris  
Mountain Bells