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DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

There is no such thing as "Deer-Proof". Any deer resistant plant list cannot be relied upon entirely and should be used only as a general guide, as different populations of deer have different favored foods. For example, deer populations in western Nassau leave *Juniperus virginiana* alone but the deer in eastern Suffolk seem to enjoy it. If you find deer browsing on a plant listed here, it is recommended that the same plant not be used elsewhere in the landscape, or to replace the deer-browsed one. The amount of damage to plants and which plants are selected is dependent on the size of herd and availability of their favorite forage. Although deer are selective eater, they have been known to change their favored food daily. They will sample new growth of most plants without usually causing any severe damage. As herd populations grow bigger and favored food becomes sparser, well, when deer are very hungry, they will eat anything.

The following list, compiled from Cornell Cooperative Extension, Rutgers, our observations and customer recommendations, is not complete but is a starting point. It is divided into three groups, based on the level of damage inflicted:

We divide plants into three groups, based on the level of damage inflicted:

D1 Plants rarely damaged by deer

D2 Plants seldom severely damaged

D3 Plants occasionally severely damaged

Plants regularly browsed (ex. *Hosta*) are not listed.

We also stock a variety of repellants and barriers to assist in the fight against deer invasion. We welcome your observations, tricks, successes and failures in your "Deer Gardening" experiences. Let us know.

* - Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Native - Additionally, native species are starred (*) when certain species (sp.) within the genus are native.

D1 - Rarely Damaged

Trees 15'+:

<i>Aesculus parviflora</i> *	<i>Betula papyrifera</i> *	<i>Pinus rigida</i> *
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	<i>Pinus thunbergii</i>
<i>Asimina triloba</i> *	<i>Ilex opaca</i> *	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> *
<i>Betula nigra</i> *	<i>Pinus resinosa</i> *	

Shrubs <15':

<i>Aralia spinosa</i> *	<i>Erica</i> sp.	<i>Picea glauca</i> 'Conica' *
<i>Buddleia</i> sp.	<i>Ilex</i> 'John T. Morris'	<i>Pieris</i> sp.
<i>Buxus microphylla</i>	<i>Ilex</i> 'Lydia Morris'	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> *
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> 'Prince of Wales' *	<i>Rhus aromatica</i> *
<i>Calluna</i> sp.	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Moonglow'	<i>Sambucus</i> sp. *
<i>Caryopteris clandonensis</i>	<i>Leucothoe fontanesiana</i> *	<i>Sarcococca</i>
<i>Cephalotaxus harringtonia</i>	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	<i>Skimmia japonica</i>
<i>Cytisus</i> sp.	<i>Mahonia bealei</i>	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> *
<i>Daphne</i> sp.	<i>Microbiota decussata</i>	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	<i>Myrica</i> (Morella) sp. *	

Groundcovers:

<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	<i>Epimedium</i> sp.	<i>Lamium</i> sp.
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> *	<i>Galium odoratum</i>	<i>Mazus repens</i>
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	<i>Pachysandra</i> sp.

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Perennials:

Aconitum sp.	Echinops sp.	Paeonia sp.
Agastache sp. *	Euphorbia sp.	Papaver sp.
Allium sp.	Fritillaria imperialis	Perovskia atriplicifolia
Arabis caucasica	Galanthus nivalis	Petasites japonicas
Arisaema triphyllum *	Helleborus sp.	Podophyllum petatum *
Artemisia sp.	Herbs-aromatic (ex: Oregano, Sage)	Potentilla sp.
Asarum sp. *	Hyssopus officinalis	Pulmonaria sp.
Asclepias sp. *	Iris sp. *	Ranunculus sp.
Aubretia deltoidea	Lavandula sp.	Rodgersia sp.
Aurinia saxatilis	Leucojum vernum	Salvia officianalis
Baptisia australis *	Ligularia sp.	Santolina sp.
Brunnera macrophylla	Lychnis coronaria	Scilla siberica
Calamintha sp.	Mentha sp *	Stachys byzantina
Cerastium tomentosum	Myosotis sp	Teucrium chamaedrys
Coreopsis verticillata *	Narcissus sp.	Thalictrum sp. *
Corydalis sp.	Nepeta sp.	Thymus sp.
Dicentra sp. *	Opuntia humifusa *	Yucca filamentosa *
Digitalis sp.	Origanum sp.	

Ferns:

Athyrium nipponicum	Dryopteris marginalis.*	Osmunda sp. *
Cyrtomium falcatum	Matteuccia struthiopteris *	Polystichum arcostichoides *
Dennstaedtia punctilobula *	Onoclea sensibilis *	Thelypteris noveboracensis *

Grasses and Grass-like:

Acorus sp	Cortaderia selloana	Juncus effusus*
Andropogon sp. *	Eragrostus sp.	Leymus arenarius
Arundo donax	Fargesia sp.	Molinia caerulea
Calamagrostis sp.	Festuca glauca	Panicum virgatum *
Carex sp. *	Hakonechloa macra	Pennisetum sp.
Chasmanthium latifolium	Helictotrichon sempervirens	Schizachyrium scoparium *

Annuals:

Ageratum sp.	Centaurea cineraria	Lobularia maritima
Agastache sp. *	Cleome sp.	Nicotiana sp.
Antirrhinum majus	Datura sp.	Papaver sp.
Brugmansia sp.	Euphorbia sp.	Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum'
Calendula sp.	Helichrysum sp.	Rosmarinus officinalis
Catharanthus sp.	Heliotropium arborescens	

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D2 – Seldom Damaged

Trees 15'+:

Abies balsamea *	Betula pendula	Metasequoia glyptostroboides
Acer griseum	Chamaecyparis pisifera	Oxydendrum arboretum *
Acer palmatum	Cornus kousa	Picea sp*
Acer pensylvanicum *	Cryptomeria japonica	Pinus densiflora
Acer rubrum *	Fagus sylvatica	Pinus nigra
Acer saccharum *	Fraxinus pennsylvanica *	Pinus strobus *
Aesculus x camea	Fraxinus excelsior	Pinus sylvestris
Amelanchier sp. *	Ilex x aquipemyi	Prunus serrulata
Betula jacquemontii	Juniperus sp *	Pseudotsuga menziesii
Betula lenta *	Liriodendron tulipifera *	Salix matsudana tortuosa
Betula lutea *	Magnolia x soulangiana	Sassafras albidum *

Shrubs <15':

Abelia sp.	Deutzia sp.	Lindera benzoin *
Andromeda polifolia *	Enkianthus campanulatus	Osmanthus heterophyllus
Aronia arbutifolia *	Forsythia x intermedia	Paeonia suffruticosa
Aronia melanocarpa *	Fothergilla sp.*	Philadelphus sp. *
Aucuba japonica	Halesia carolina *	Picea sp*
Bambusa sp.	Hamamelis virginiana *	Pinus densiflora
Callicarpa sp. *	Hibiscus syriacus	Pinus mugo
Calycanthus sp. *	Hippophae rhamnoides	Pinus nigra
Chamaecyparis pisifera	Hypericum prolificum *	Pinus strobus *
Chionanthus retusus	Ilex aquifolium	Pinus sylvestris
Chaenomeles japonica	Ilex cornuta	Prunus laurocerasus
Chaenomeles speciosa	Ilex glabra *	Pyracantha coccinea
Clethra sp*	Ilex verticillata *	Rubus sp. *
Cornus alba	Itea virginica *	Sambucus canadensis *
Cornus sericea *	Juniperus sp *	Spiraea japonica
Corylus sp. *	Kerria japonica	Symphoricarpos sp. *
Cotinus coggygria	Kolkwitzia amabilis	Syringa vulgaris
Cotinus obovatus *	Lagerstroemia indica	Viburnum sp. *
Cotoneaster sp.	Leucothoe axillaris *	Weigela florida
Cryptomeria japonica	Ligustrum sp.	

Perennials:

Achillea sp.	Erythronium sp. *	Papaver orientale
Agapanthus sp.	Eupatorium coelestinum *	Patrinia scabiosifolia
Alchemilla sp.	Eupatorium rugosum *	Physostegia virginiana *
Anemone x hybrida	Geranium macrorrhizum	Polemonium caeruleum
Aquilegia sp. *	Gypsophila sp.	Primula sp.

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Perennials Continued:

Amherstia maritima	Helenium autumnale *	Rudbeckia sp. *
Asclepias sp. *	Heuchera sp. *	Salvia nemorosa
Aster sp. *	Hyacinthus sp.	Saponaria sp.
Astilbe sp.	Hypericum calycinum	Scabiosa sp.
Bergenia sp.	Iberis sempervirens	Sempervivum sp.
Boltonia asteroides *	Kirengeshoma palmata	Solidago sp. *
Camassia sp. *	Kniphofia tritoma	Stokesia laevis *
Cerastium sp.	Liatris sp. *	Symplocarpos foetidus *
Cimicifuga sp. *	Lobelia sp. *	Tiarella cordifolia *
Coreopsis lanceolata *	Lupinus sp. *	Tradescantia sp.
Crocus sp.	Lychnis chalcedonica	Tricyrtis hirta
Croscosmia sp.	Macleaya cordata	Trillium sp. *
Cyclamen sp.	Mertensia virginica *	Verbascum sp.
Delphinium sp.	Monarda sp. *	Veronica sp.
Dianthus sp.	Muscari sp.	Viola sp. *
Echinacea purpurea *	Oxalis sp.	

Grasses:

Carex pendula	Ophiopogon japonicus	Scirpus lacustris *
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Groundcovers:

Gaultheria procumbens *	Liriope sp.	Vinca sp.
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Annuals:

Canna sp.	Herbs – aromatic types ex: Basil	Salvia sp. *
Celosia sp.	Iberis umbellata	Senecio cineraria
Centaurea cyanus	Lantana sp.	Tagetes patula
Cheiranthus sp.	Lobelia sp.	Tropaeolum majus
Colocasia esculenta	Matthiola sp.	Verbena sp. *
Eschscholzia californica	Myosotis sp.	Zantedeschia sp.
Gladiolus sp.	Perilla frutescens	Zinnia sp. *
Gloriosa superba		

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D3 – Occasionally Damaged

Trees +15':

Abies concolor *	Cornus mas	Quercus prinus *
Abies fraseri *	Cupressocyparis leyandii	Quercus rubra *
Acer saccharinum *	Ilex pernyi	Rhus typhina *
Aesculus hippocastanum	Ilex x 'Nellie R. Stevens'	Robinia pseudoacacia *
Cedrus atlantica	Larix decidua	Salix sp.
Cercis canadensis *	Liquidambar styraciflua *	Taxodium distichum *
Chamaecyparis obtusa	Malus sp. *	Thuja plicata
Chamaecyparis thyoides *	Prunus avium	Tilia Americana *
Chionanthus virginicus *	Pyrus calleryana	Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'
Cornus alternifolia *	Pyrus communis	Tsuga canadensis *
Cornus florida *	Quercus alba *	Tsuga caroliniana *

Shrubs <15':

Cornus racemosa *	Juniperus conferta	Rhodo. sp. -Deciduous Azaleas *
Cornus sanguinea	Kalmia latifolia *	Rosa rugosa
Corylopsis glabrescens	Nandina sp	Rosa x hybrid
Euonymus japonica	Prunus x cistena	Syringa villosa
Hydrangea sp *	Rhododendron carolinianum *	Syringa x chinesis
Ilex crenata	Rhododendron catawbiense *	Syringa x persica
Ilex x meserveae	Rhododendron maximum *	Vaccinium corymbosum *

Perennials:

Alcea sp.	Euphorbia dulcis 'Chameleon'	Lysimachia clethroides
Aruncus sp. *	Filipendula sp.	Oenothera sp.*
Begonia grandis	Gaillardia sp.	Penstemon sp.*
Bellis perennis	Geranium clarkei	Phlox sp. *
Campanula sp.	Geranium sanguineum	Platycodon grandiflorus
Centaurea montana	Geranium x cantabrigiense	Polygonatum sp.
Chelone sp. *	Geum sp.	Sedum spectabile
Chrysanthemum indicum	Hemerocallis sp.	Sidalcia malviflora
Chrysanthemum superbum	Hibiscus moscheutos *	Symphytum officinale
Erigeron sp.	Leucanthemum maximum	Trollius sp.

Annuals and Vines:

Begonia semperflorens	Gerbera jamesonii	Ipomea sp.
Caladium sp.	Helianthus sp. *	Lilium sp.
Coleus sp.	Impatiens balsamina	Pelargonium sp.
Cosmos sp.	Impatiens walleriana	Petunia sp.
Dahlia sp.	Hedera helix	