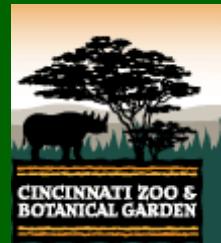


# Best Deer Resistant Landscape Plants



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## What landscape plants won't deer eat??!

This is the question that we have attempted to answer. First we collected deer resistant plant lists from across the Midwest - over 40 lists were collected. From this information we pulled the plants that were consistently listed as deer resistant. Our compiled list was sent out to over 400 nurserymen, educators, naturalist and garden enthusiasts asking whether they found any of the plants on the list to be a problem or are in fact left alone by deer. From the return responses we "compiled" this list, which represents the top picks of good landscape plants that are resistant *or minimally damaged* by deer.

**\*Note: Using plants from this list does not guarantee no deer damage to plants. Deer populations and deer taste preferences are variable and if you have large herds you are more likely to experience deer damage.**

Plants listed in **bold** are the plants most frequently agreed deer resistant.

### ANNUALS

**Ageratum**  
Allyssum  
**Cleome**  
Dusty Miller  
**Lantana**  
Nicotiana  
Plectranthus argenteus  
Blue Salvia  
Snapdragon  
Vinca (annual vine)  
Zinnia anguatifolia

### BULBS

Allium  
Chionodoxa  
Colchicum  
**Daffodil**  
Galanthus (Snowdrops)  
Grape Hyacinth  
Hyacinthoides (Squill)  
Leucojum  
Pushkinia

### GROUNDCOVERS

**Ajuga**  
**Convallaria**  
(Lily of the Valley)  
Galium  
Lamiastrum  
Lamium  
Vinca minor  
Pachysandra

### VINES

Bignonia (Crossvine)  
Campsis  
Clematis paniculata  
Lonicera sempervirens  
Wisteria

### FERNS

Japanese Painted Fern  
Wood Fern  
Ostrich Fern  
Sensitive Fern  
Cinnamon Fern  
Royal Fern  
Christmas Fern

### ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

**Miscanthus** cultivars  
**Pennisetum** cultivars  
Arundo  
Sporobolus  
**Panicum** cultivars  
Calamagrostis  
Carex  
Saccharum (Erianthus)  
Bamboo

### SHRUBS

Abelia  
Aesculus parviflora  
**Berberis (Barberry)**  
**Buddleia**  
Callicarpa  
Calycanthus  
**Caryopteris**  
Cotinus  
Forsythia  
Hypericum  
Lespedeza 'Gibraltar'  
Lindera  
**Myrica**  
Rhus aromatica  
'Gro-Low'  
**Spiraea**  
Symphoricarpos  
**Vitex**  
Yucca

### EVERGREEN SHRUBS

**Boxwood**  
Ilex glabra-Inkberry Holly  
**Mugo Pine**  
**Cephalotaxus**  
**Juniper** (low growing-groundcover types)

### EVERGREEN TREES

Magnolia grandiflora  
'Bracken's Brown Beauty'  
Picea abies  
Picea pungens  
Psuedotsuga menziesii

### SHADE PERENNIALS

Aquilegia  
**Brunnera**  
Chelone  
Dicentra  
**Epimedium**  
**Galium odoratum**  
**Helleborus**  
Huechera villosa  
Lamium  
Lamiastrum  
Pilmonaria  
Tiarella

### PLANTS DEER LOVE MOST !

Roses	Tulips
Hostas	American Arborvitae
Impatiens	Daylily
Taxus	Sedum
Blue Holly	Phlox paniculata
China Holly	Oakleaf Hydrangea
Euonymus	White Pine
Rhododendron	Scabiosa

### SUN PERENNIALS

**Achillea**  
Aesclepias tuberosa  
Alchemilla  
Amsonia hubrichtii  
Aquilegia canadensis  
**Artemesia**  
Aster lateriflorus 'Lady in Black'  
Aster oblongifolius  
'Raydon's Favorite'  
Asteromoea mongolica  
Baptisia australis  
Calamintha  
Chrysanthemum 'Becky'  
Coreopsis lanceolata  
Crocosmia  
**Dianthus 'Baths Pink', 'Firewitch', 'Mountain Mist'**  
Euphorbia myrsinifolia  
Euphorbia robbiae  
Geranium 'Biokova'  
Geranium sanguineum  
**Iris**  
**Lavendula**  
Liatris  
Monarda  
Oenothera  
**Paeonia**  
**Perovskia**  
Rudbeckia (eat young foliage)

**Salvia**  
Solidago  
**Stachys 'Helene Von Stein', 'Silver Carpet'**  
**Thymus serpyllum**  
Veronica

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