



Deer Tolerant/Resistant Plants

Native plants are part of our rich natural heritage. These special plants are adapted to our local conditions, require less maintenance in the landscape and offer food sources for native wildlife. Native plants play a vital role in creating healthy ecosystems that can support a rich diversity of birds, insects, and other animals. Plant native!

The following list is a compilation of native plant species commonly noted to be deer resistant. However, there are no truly deer resistant or tolerant plants. Deer will eat ANYTHING if they are hungry enough. Also, plants left untouched in one area may be a favorite in another. Deer tend to avoid plants with aromatic foliage, tough leathery, hairy and/or prickly leaves, or plants with milky latex or sap.

Perennials

Common Name	Botanical Name	Common Name	Botanical Name
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda sp.</i>	Indigo	<i>Baptisia sp.</i>
Bergamot, Wild	<i>Monarda sp.</i>	Irises	<i>Iris sp.</i>
Black Cohosh	<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	Jack-in-the-Pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>
Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Joe Pye Weeds	<i>Eutrochium sp.</i>
Bleeding Heart	<i>Dicentra sp.</i>	Lobelia, Great Blue	<i>Lobelia sp.</i>
Bluebells, Virginia	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Mayapple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>
Blue Star	<i>Amsonia sp.</i>	Milkweeds	<i>Asclepias sp.</i>
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia sp.</i>	Monkshood	<i>Aconitum uncinatum</i>
Columbine, Eastern	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Nodding Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>
Culver's Root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Prickly-Pear Cactus, Eastern	<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>
Foxglove, Beard-Tongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Ragwort, Golden	<i>Packera aurea</i>
Geranium, Wild	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Spurge, Allegheny	<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>
Goldenrods	<i>Solidago sp.</i>	Tickseeds	<i>Coreopsis sp.</i>
Hyssop	<i>Agastache scrophulariifolia</i>	Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum canadensis</i>

Grasses and Sedges

Common Name	Botanical Name
Bluestem, Little	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Bottle Brush Grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i>
Sea Oats, Northern	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>
Sedges	<i>Carex sp.</i>
Switch Grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>

Ferns

Common Name	Botanical Name
Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>
Cinnamon Fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>
Ostrich Fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>
Royal Fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>
Sensitive Fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>

Trees and Shrubs

Common Name	Botanical Name	Common Name	Botanical Name
Bayberry	<i>Myrica pennsylvanica</i>	Redbud, Eastern	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
Black Gum/Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Red-Cedar, Eastern	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
Carolina Allspice	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Sourwood	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>
Dogwood, Flowering	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Sumac, Fragrant	<i>Rhus aromatica</i>
Dogwood, Red Osier/Red Twig	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Summersweet	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>
Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Viburnum, Arrowwood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>
Ironwood/Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	Viburnum, Mapleleaf	<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>
Leatherwood	<i>Dirca palustris</i>	Winterberry, American Holly	<i>Ilex sp.</i>
Magnolias	<i>Magnolia sp.</i>	Witch Hazel	<i>Hamamelis vernalis</i>
Pines	<i>Pinus sp.</i>		