

Deer Resistance

In the last few years we have seen deer eat plants they normally leave alone. Unfortunately, no plant is deer proof. We have put together a list of plants that, in our experience, are not preferred by deer.

Trees

Green Giant Arborvitae
Blue Atlas Cedar
American Holly
Dragon Lady Holly
Alberta Spruce
Blue Spruce
Norway Spruce

Shrubs

Aucuba
Barberry
Boxwoods
Gold Mop Cypress
Hollies
Blue Star Junipers
Mugo Pine
Nandinas
Pieris Japonicas
Rose of Sharon
Spirea
Viburnum
Yucca

Perennials

Astilbe
Ajuga
Bleeding Heart
Columbine
Crocsmia
Dianthus
Echinacea
Euphorbia
Ferns
Foam Flower
Foxglove
Helleborus
Heuchera
Hens & Chicks
Hollyhock
Lamium
Lavender
Lamb's Ear
Liatris
Oriental Poppy
Ornamental Grasses
Pachysandra
Penstemon
Plumbago

Rock Crest
Russian Sage
Salvia
Scented Geranium
Sun Rose
St. John's Wort
Thyme
Threadleaf Coreopsis
Vinca minor
Wormwood
Yarrow

Flowering Bulbs

Allium
Daffodils
Hyacinth

Annuals

Ageratum
Angelonia
Alyssum
Grasses
Lantana
Marigold
Nicotiana
Purple Petunias (scented)
Pentas
Salvia
Snapdragons
Vinca major

Herbs

Basil
Catmint
Chives
Dill
Oregano
Parsley
Rosemary
Mints
Thyme

Deer Repellents

Good Earth recommends a few deer repellent products that have worked very well for us personally and professionally. We use them on our property to protect the garden center from our neighborhood deer.

Deer Scram is a granular product that is applied around the perimeter of your property or area you want to protect, like an invisible fence.

Liquid Fence is a ready-to-use spray that can be applied to any plant except edible herbs and veggies. This product has a very strong odor when first applied, but this dissipates within 24 hours. We recommend applying this product in the evening.

Milorganite is a low grade granular fertilizer that has an "off" smell to deer, deterring them and fertilizing your plants. It is safe to use on edibles and is an excellent summer lawn fertilizer. It can be applied anytime.

These products are all made with natural products and are not harmful to pets. They do not wash off in the average volumes of rainfall and should be applied at least once a month.

Deer Fencing is also an affective approach to protecting your plants. It is especially useful for protecting your edible garden, where you would not want to use repellent products. Fencing is also a good way to protect young trees from antler damage.

The Top 10 Good Earth Deer Resistant Plants

1. Daffodils
2. Pieris Japonica
3. Flowering Vinca
4. Ferns
5. Gold Mop Cypress
6. Echinacea
Coneflower
7. Boxwood
8. Pachysandra
9. Ornamental
Grasses
10. Helleborus

Did you know...

Deer can jump an 8-foot fence on level ground when chased or threatened.