Deer-resistant plants list

Plants that Rutgers Cooperative Extension rates A (rarely damaged) or B (seldom severely damaged) by deer, grouped by type. Rutgers also lists C and D plants, which deer damage often; they are on the website page.

> Deer-resistant is not deer-proof: hungry deer eat almost anything.

A Rarely damaged **B** Seldom severely damaged

Annuals

A Ageratum, Angel's Trumpet, Anise, Annual Vinca, Dusty Miller, False Camomile, Flowering Tobacco, Forget-Me-Not, Heliotrope, Larkspur, Poppy, Pot Marigold, Rosemary, Snapdragon, Snow-on-the-Mountain, Spider Flower, Strawflower, Sweet Alyssum

B Bachelor's Buttons, Basil, Borage, California Poppy, Candytuft, Cock's Comb, Dill, French Marigold, Lantana, Lobelia, Nasturtium, Parsley, Salvia, Shiso, Stocks, Verbena, Wallflower, Zinnia

Biennials

A Common Foxglove

B Forget-Me-Not, Money Plant, Sweet William

Bulbs

A Autumn Crocus, Bluebell, Crown Imperial, Fritilia, Daffodil, Ornamental Onion, Siberian Squill, Snowdrops, Winter Aconite

B Calla Lily, Camassia, Canna Lily, Crocus, Elephant Ear, Gladiolus, Glory Lily, Grape Hyacinth, Hyacinth, Wood Sorrel

Ferns

A Christmas Fern, Cinnamon Fern, Hayscented Fern, Holly Fern, Japanese Painted Fern, New York Fern, Ostrich Fern, Royal Fern, Sensitive Fern, Wood Fern

Groundcovers

A Allegheny Spurge, Barrenwort, Bearberry, Bishop's Weed, Bugleweed, Lily of the Valley, Pachysandra, Spotted Deadnettle, Sweet Woodruff

B Creeping Wintergreen, Large Periwinkle, Lilyturf, Periwinkle, Plumbago

Ornamental Grasses

A Big Bluestem, Blue Fescue, Blue Oat Grass, Clump Bamboo, Feather Reed Grass, Fountain Grass, Giant Japanese Silver Grass, Giant Reed, Golden Bamboo, Hakonechloa, Hard Rush, Indian Grass, Japanese Blood Grass, Japanese Sedge, Japanese Silver Grass, Japanese Sweet Flag, Large Blue June Grass, Little Bluestem, Lyme Grass, Northern Sea Oats, Oriental Fountain Grass, Pampus Grass, Purple Moor Grass, Ravenna Grass, Switch Grass, Varigated Oat Grass, Weeping Love Grass

B Bamboo, Bottlebrush Grass, Drooping Sedge, Dwarf Mondo Grass, Ribbon Grass, Sedge

Perennials

A Anise Hyssop, Basket of Gold, Bigleaf Goldenray, Bleeding Heart, Butter & Eggs, Buttercup, Cactus, Catmint, Common Tansy, Corydalis, Dame's Rocket, European Ginger, False Indigo, Forget-Me-Not, Fringed Bleeding Heart, Garden Sage, Germander, Greek Jerusalem Sage, Horehound, Horseradish, Hyssop, Iris, Jack-in-the-pulpit, Lamb's Ear, Lavendar, Lavender-Cotton, Lemon Balm, Lenten or Christmas Rose, Lungwort, Marjoram, May Apple, Meadow Rue, Mint, Monkshood, Oregano, Ornamental Onion, Peony, Potentilla, Cinquefoil, Purple Rock-Cress, Rock-Cress, Rodgers Flower, Rose Campion, Rue, Russian Sage, Silver Mound, Small Globe Thistle, Statice, Tarragon, Threadleaf Coreopsis, Thyme, Wild Ginger, Yucca

B African Lily, Asparagus, Aster, Astilbe, Baby's Breath, Beebalm, Black-Eyed Susan, Blazing Star, Bugloss, Butterfly Weed, Candytuft, Cardinal Flower, Carnation, Pinks, Columbine, Common Yarrow, Coralbells, Crocosmia, Cyclamen, Delphinium, Feverfew, Foam Flower, Gas Plant, Goldenrod, Hardy Geranium, Heartleaf Bergenia, Hens and Chickens, Jacob's Ladder, Japanese Anemone, Ladys' Mantle, Lance Coreopsis, Lupine, Maltese Cross, Meadow Sage, Mist Flower, Mullein, Obedient Plant, Oriental Poppy, Patrinia, Pincushin Flower, Plume Poppy, Primrose, Purple Coneflower, Red-Hot Poker, Rhubarb, Rue Anemone, Savory, Sea Thrift, Skunk Cabbage, Snakeroot, Bugbane, Sneezeweed, Snow-in-Summer, Soapwort, Speedwell, Spiderwort, St. John's Wort, Stokes' Aster, Swamp Milkweed, Toad Lily, Trillium, Trout Lily, Violets, Virginia Bluebells, White Boltonia, White Snakeroot, Yarrow, Yellow Foxglove, Yellow Wax-Bells

Shrubs

A Arrowwood Viburnum, Barberry, Bayberry, Blue Mist Shrub, Broom, Bush Cinquefoil, Butterfly Bush, Common Boxwood, Daphne, Devil's Walking Stick, Drooping Leucothoe, Fragrant Sumac, Heath, Heather, Japanese Pieris, Andromeda, Japanese Plum Yew, Japanese Skimmia, Leatherleaf Mahonia, Mountain Pieris, Oregon Grape Holly, Red Elderberry, Russian Cypress, Russian Olive, Sweet Box

B Anthony Waterer Spirea, Autumn Olive, Bearberry Cotoneaster, Beautyberry, Beautybush, Blackhaw Viburnum, Blueberry Elder, Sweet Elder, Bog Rosemary, Brambles, Bridalwreath Spirea, Buckthorn, California Sweetshrub, Carolina Silverbell, Cherry Laurel, Chinese Holly, Chinese Juniper, Coast Leucothoe, Common Lilac, Common Sweetshrub, Common Witchhazel, Coralberry, Cranberry Bush, Cranberry Cotoneaster, Crape Myrtle, Creeping Juniper, Currant, Deutzia, Doublefile Viburnum, Dwarf Balsam Fir, English Holly, Firethorn, Forsythia, Fothergillia, Glossy Abelia, Goldust Plant,

Harlequin Glorybower, Hazelnut, Holly Osmanthus, Inkberry, Japanese Flowering Quince, Japanese Kerria, Japanese Spirea, Japanese Tree Lilac, Judd Viburnum, Koreanspice Viburnum, Leatherleaf Viburnum, Mountain Juniper, Mugo Pine, Privet, Pyrenees Cotoneaster, Red Chokeberry, Red Osier Dogwood, Red Twigged Dogwood, Redvein Enkianthus, Rockspray Cotoneaster, Rose of Sharon, Saucer Magnolia, Savin/Tam Juniper, Sea Buckthorn, Singleseed Juniper, Smokebush, Snowberry, Spicebush, St. John's Wort, Sweet Mock Orange, Sweet Pepperbush, Virginia Sweetspire, Weigela, Willowleaf Cotoneaster, Winterberry Holly

Trees

A American Holly, Bottlebrush Buckeye, Japanese Black Pine, Katsura Tree, Mimosa, Paper Birch, Pawpaw, Pitch Pine, Red Pine, River Birch

B Allegheny Serviceberry, Austrian Pine, Chinese Fringe Tree, Chinese Paper Birch, Colorado Blue Spruce, Common Flowering Quince, Common Sassafras, Corkscrew Willow, Dawn Redwood, Douglas Fir, Downy Serviceberry, Dragon Lady, San Jose Holly, Eastern Red Cedar, Eastern White Pine, English Hawthorn, European Ash, European Beech, European White Birch, Goldenrain Tree, Green Ash, Himalayan Birch, Honey Locust, Japanese Cedar, Japanese Falsecypress, Japanese Flowering Cherry, Japanese Maple, Japanese Red Pine, Kousa Dogwood, Norway Spruce, Paperbark Maple, Red Maple, Ruby Horsechestnut, Scotch Pine, Serbian Spruce, Shadbush, Sourwood, Striped Maple, Sugar Maple, Tulip Tree, White Spruce, Yellow Birch

Vines

B American Bittersweet, Winter Jasmine, Wisteria

Last checked 2026-11-26. Facts come from the sources below; where sources disagree the chart says so.

Sources

- Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Landscape Plants Rated by Deer Resistance (E271) — https://njaes.rutgers.edu/deer-resistant-plants/ (checked 2026-11-26)

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