



Let's face it...deer happen. You love them, right until they decide that your yard is the hottest new dining place in the neighborhood. But, we also don't want a pack of wolves living in the neighborhood controlling the deer population.

So, our only defense is common sense, deterrents and landscaping with plants deer reportedly don't want to eat. This list is not deer proof. Under drought conditions all bets are off and your lush irrigated yard will look like a buffet.

Plants are listed by common name and genus, because other species of the same genus are often, but not always, deer resistant.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Genus</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Genus</u>
Abelia	<i>Abelia</i>	Buttercups	<i>Ranunculus</i>
Agarita	<i>Mahonia</i>	Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleia</i>
Agave	<i>Agave spp.</i>	Butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias</i>
Ageratum	<i>Ageratum</i>	Calendula	<i>Calendula</i>
Alliums	<i>Allium spp.</i>	Calla Lily	<i>Zantedeschia</i>
Alyssum	<i>Lobularia</i>	Canna	<i>Canna</i>
Amaryllis	<i>Hippeastrum</i>	Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia</i>
Anemones	<i>Anemone</i>	Carolina Jessamine	<i>Gelsemium</i>
Angel's Trumpet	<i>Brugmansia</i>	Carpet Bugle	<i>Ajuga</i>
Anise	<i>Illicium</i>	Cast Iron Plant	<i>Aspidistra</i>
Artemesia	<i>Artemesia</i>	Cat Whiskers	<i>Cleome hasslerana</i>
Asian jasmine	<i>Trachelospermum</i>	Catmint	<i>Nepeta</i>
Aspidistra	<i>Aspiditra elatior</i>	Cedar	<i>Juniperus</i>
Aster	<i>Aster spp.</i>	Celosia	<i>Celosia</i>
Aucuba	<i>Aucuba</i>	Chaste Tree (Vitex)	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>
Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distitchum</i>	Cherry Laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
Balloon Flower	<i>Platycodon</i>	Chinese Fringe Tree	<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>
Bamboo	<i>Bamboo</i>	Chives	<i>Allium</i>
Banana Shrub	<i>Michelia sp.</i>	Chrysanthemum	<i>Chrysanthemum</i>
Beautyberry	<i>Callicarpa sp.</i>	Clematis	<i>Clematis</i>
Beebalm	<i>Monarda sp.</i>	Cleome	<i>Tarenaya hassleriana</i>
Begonia	<i>Begonia</i>	Coleus	<i>Solenostemon</i>
Black Eyed Susan	<i>Rudbecki</i>	Columbine	<i>Aquilegia ssp</i>
Black Gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Copper Canyon Daisy	<i>Tagetes</i>
Blackberry (thorny)	<i>Rubus</i>	Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis</i>
Blackfoot Daisy	<i>Melampodium</i>	Cosmos	<i>Cosmos</i>
Bleeding Heart Vine	<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>	Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster</i>
Bluebell	<i>Eustoma</i>	Crape Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia</i>
Bluebonnets	<i>Lupinus</i>	Cross Vine	<i>Bignonia</i>
Borage	<i>Borage officinalis</i>	Curry Plant	<i>Helichrysum</i>
Bottlebrush	<i>Callistemon</i>	Cyclamen	<i>Cyclamen</i>
Boxwood	<i>Buxus</i>	Daffodils	<i>Narcissus</i>
Buckeye	<i>Aesculus</i>	Delphinium	<i>Delphinium</i>
Bugleweed	<i>Ajuga</i>	Desert Willow	<i>Chilopsis</i>
Butter-and-eggs	<i>Linaria</i>	Dianthus	<i>Dianthus</i>
Dogwood	<i>Cornus Kousa</i>	Dill	<i>Anethum</i>
Dusty Miller	<i>Centaurea</i>	Juniper	<i>Juniperus</i>
Dwarf Chinese Holly	<i>Ilex spp.</i>	Lamb's-ears	<i>Stachys</i>





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Dwarf Yaupon	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>
Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>
Elaeagnus	<i>Elaeagnus</i>
Elephant Ears	<i>Colocasia</i>
Esperanza	<i>Tecoma stans</i>
Evergreen sumac	<i>Rhus</i>
Ferns	Assorted
Fig	<i>Ficus</i>
Flame Acanthus	<i>Anisacanthu</i>
Flame Sumac	<i>Rhus</i>
Flowering Quince	<i>Chaenomele</i>
Flowering Tobacco	<i>Nicotian</i>
Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis</i>
Four Nerve Daisy	<i>Hymenoxys</i>
Four O'Clocks	<i>Mirabilis</i>
Foxglove	<i>Digitalis</i>
Fragrant Mimosa	<i>Mimosa</i>
Gardenia	<i>Gardenia</i>
Garlic Chives	<i>Allium</i>
Gaura	<i>Gaura</i>
Gayfather	<i>Liatris</i>
Geranium	<i>Pelargonium</i>
Gingko	<i>Gingko biloba</i>
Goldcup	<i>Hypericum spp.</i>
Golden Rain Tree	<i>Koelrueteria paniculat</i>
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>
Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>
Gulf Muhley Grass	<i>Muhlenbergia lindheimer</i>
Heliotrope	<i>Heliotropium</i>
Hummingbird Bush	<i>Anisacanthus</i>
Hummingbird Bush	<i>Hamelia</i>
Impatiens	<i>Wallerana</i>
Indian Blanket	<i>Gaillardia</i>
Indigo Spires	<i>Salvia</i>
Inland Sea Oats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>
Iris	<i>Iris spp.</i>
Japanese Aralia	<i>Fatsia</i>
Japanese Barberry	<i>Berberis</i>
Japanese Black Pine	<i>Pinus thunbergiana</i>
Japanese Yew	<i>Taxus cuspidata</i>
Jerusalem Cherry	<i>Solanum</i>
Petunia	<i>Petunia ssp.</i>
Phlox	<i>Phlox ssp.</i>
Pigeonberry	<i>Rivina</i>
Pineapple Guava	<i>Fiejoa (Acca)</i>
Plumbago	<i>Plumbago</i>
Polka Dots	<i>Hypoestes</i>

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Lantana	<i>Lantana</i>
Larkspur	<i>Delphinium</i>
Lavender	<i>Lavendula</i>
Leatherleaf	<i>Mahonia</i>
Lemon Balm	<i>Melissa</i>
Lentin Rose	<i>Helleborus</i>
Leucothoe	<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i>
Ligularia	<i>Ligularia</i>
Ligustrum	<i>Ligustrum</i>
Lily of the Nile	<i>Agapanthus</i>
Live Oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>
Lobelia	<i>Lobelia</i>
Loquat	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>
Loropetalum	<i>Loropetalum</i>
Loropetalum	<i>Loropetalum chinensis</i>
Magnolia	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>
Maiden Grass	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>
Marigold	<i>Tagetes</i>
Mesquite	<i>Prosopis</i>
Mexican Buckeye	<i>Ungnadia</i>
Mexican Bush Sage	<i>Salvia</i>
Mexican Mint Marigold	<i>Tagetes</i>
Mexican Oregano	<i>Poliomintha</i>
Mexican Petunia	<i>Ruellia</i>
Milkweed	<i>Asclepias</i>
Mimosa	<i>Albizia</i>
Mints	<i>Mentha</i>
Mock Orange	<i>Philadelphus</i>
Monkey Grass	<i>Ophipogon</i>
Mountain Laurel	<i>Sophora</i>
Nandina	<i>Nandina spp.</i>
Nasturtiums	<i>Tropaeolum</i>
Oleander	<i>Nerium</i>
Oregano	<i>Oreganum</i>
Ornamental Pepper	<i>Caspicum</i>
Oxalis	<i>Oxalis</i>
Pampas Grass	<i>Cortaderia</i>
Parsley	<i>Petroselinum</i>
Pawpaw	<i>Asmina triloba</i>
Penta	<i>Pentas</i>
Periwinkles	<i>Catharanthus</i>
Sotol	<i>Dasylyrion texanum</i>
Split leaf Philodendron	<i>Philodendron</i>
Squill	<i>Scilla</i>
Star Jasmine	<i>Trachelospmum</i>
Star Magnolia	<i>Magnolia stellata</i>
Sweet Bay Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginica</i>





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Pomegranate	<i>Punica</i>	Sweet Shrub	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>
Prickley Pear	<i>Opuntia</i>	Sweet Violets	<i>Viola odorata</i>
Primrose	<i>Primula</i>	Tansy	<i>Tanacetum</i>
Primrose Jasmine	<i>Jasminum mesnyi</i>	Texas Ash	<i>Fraxinus texensis</i>
Purple Cone Flower	<i>Echinacea</i>	Texas Betony	<i>Stachys coccinea</i>
Purple Fountain Grass	<i>Pennisetum</i>	Texas Persimmon	<i>Diospyros</i>
Purple Heart	<i>Setcreasea</i>	Texas Sage	<i>Leucophyllum</i>
Pyracantha	<i>Pyracantha</i>	Thryallis	<i>Galphimia</i>
Red Hot Poker	<i>Kniphofia</i>	Thyme	<i>Thymus</i>
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	Toad Lily	<i>Trycirtis hirta</i>
Rock Rose	<i>Pavonia</i>	Tulip Magnolia	<i>Magnolia X soulangiana</i>
Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus</i>	Turks Cap	<i>Malvaviscus</i>
Rough Leaf Dogwood	<i>Cornus</i>	Viburnum	<i>Viburnum</i>
Rue	<i>Ruta</i>	Vinca (annual)	<i>Catharanthus</i>
Russian Sage	<i>Perovskia</i>	Vinca Major	<i>Vinca</i>
Sago	<i>Cycas revoluta</i>	Wax Myrtle	<i>Myrica</i>
Salvias	<i>Salvia</i>	Wedelia	<i>Wedelia</i>
Santolina	<i>Santolina</i>	Windmill Palm	<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>
Sedum	<i>Sedum</i>	Winecup	<i>Callirhoe</i>
Senna	<i>Cassia</i>	Wisteria	<i>Wisteria</i>
Snapdragons	<i>Antirrhinum</i>	Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i>
Snow-on-the-mountain	<i>Euphorbia</i>	Yaupon Holly	<i>Ilex</i>
Society Garlic	<i>Tulbaghia</i>	Yuccas	<i>Yucca</i>
Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia</i>	Zexmenia	<i>Wedelia</i>
Spirea	<i>Spirea</i>	Zinnia	<i>Zinnia</i>
Sweet Olive	<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i>		

Other helpful hints include:

- using Milorganite fertilizer; deer seem to dislike the smell,
- tying small mesh bags of human hair in and around your plants.
- spraying shrubs with a solution of one egg beaten with a quart on water.

Remember to clean your sprayer thoroughly afterwards. The deer will be able to smell rotten eggs, but you will not.

- Several commercial deterrents are available and they may work quite well.

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If you have successful methods to deter our furry friends let us know! We'll add it to the list.

Good luck!

