

Deer Resistant Landscaping

Many avid gardeners find that their greatest frustration is with deer eating their landscaping. Keep in mind that deer will browse almost any plant if they are hungry enough. Also, newly installed plants that have been well watered and fertilized in a nursery are more palatable than the same species of plant growing in the wild.



Eupatorium coelestinum, Mistflower

Deer Resistant Plants:

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| Callicarpa americana | Beauty-berry |
| Ilex glabra | Inkberry |
| Ilex vomitoria | Yaupon Holly |
| Lyonia lucida | Fetter Bush |
| Myrica cerifera | Wax Myrtle |
| Sabal minor | Shrub Palmetto |
| Serenoa repens | Saw Palmetto |
| Yucca aloifolia | Spanish Bayonet |
| Yucca filamentosa | Bear Grass |
| Canna flaccida | Golden Canna |
| Erythrina herbacea | Coral Bean |
| Gaillardia pulchella | Blanket Flower |
| Mitchella repens | Partridge Berry |
| Andropogon glomeratus | Bushy Broomsedge |
| Andropogon virginicus | Broomsedge. |
| Chasmanthium latifolium | Upland Sea Oats. |
| Muhlenbergia filipes | Sweetgrass |
| Panicum virgatum | Switch Grass |
| Osmunda cinnamomea | Cinnamon Fern |
| Osmunda regalis | Royal Fern |
| Woodwardia areolata | Netted Chain Fern |
| Dryopteris spp. | Wood Fern |
| Polystichum acrostichoides | Christmas Fern |
| Gelsemium sempervirens | Yellow Jessamine |
| Iris virginica | Blue Flag Iris |
| Rudbeckia fulgida | Black-eyed Susan |
| Verbena canadensis | Verbena |
| Aster spp. | Autumn Aster |
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The plants listed below are, in general, less attractive to deer. The first list is composed of native plants, which in many cases may already be naturally occurring in the area and thus your particular plants may be less attractive to deer once they get established. The second list are non-native plants which can be used in planting beds near the house and are less appealing than most to deer.



Muhlenbergia filipes, Sweetgrass



Osmunda cinnamomea, Cinnamon Fern



Erythrina herbacea, Coral Bean



Callicarpa Americana, Beautyberry

Non-Natives:

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| Abelia grandiflora | Glossy Abelia |
| Acuba japonica | Gold Dust Plant |
| Allium sp. | Society Garlic |
| Buxus microphylla | Boxwood |
| Ixex cornuta | Dwarf Chinese Holly |
| Nerium oleander | Oleander |
| Pyracantha coccinea | Pyracantha |
| Rosmarinus officinalis | Rosemary |
| Agapanthus spp. | Lily of the Nile |
| Aiuga reptans | Carpet Bugle |
| Ophiopogon japonica | Monkey grass |
| Begonia spp. | Begonia |
| Aspidistra eliatier | Cast-Iron Plant |
| Cosmos bipinnatus | Cosmos |
| Senecio cineraria | Dusty Miller |
| Digitalis spp. | Foxglove |
| Cyrtomium falicatum | Holly Fern |
| Salvia leucanthia | Mexican Bush Sage |
| Nephrolepis spp. | Sword Fern |
| Achillea filipendulina | Yarrow |
| Zinnia spp. | Zinnia |