

Deer-resistant Native Plants

Although they will browse on almost anything if they are sufficiently hungry, deer tend to find the plants on this list distasteful. The lists are not complete, but they provide some guidance on selecting plants which deer dislike. Always use the Latin names when buying plants to assure that you purchase the species you want.

	Perennials
Alum Root (Prairie)	<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>
Aster	<i>Aster</i> spp.
Baneberry, Red	<i>Actea rubra</i> (contains toxic substances)
Baneberry, White, Doll's Eyes	<i>Actea pachypoda</i> (contains toxic substances)
Beard Tongue (Foxglove)	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>
Beard Tongue (Pale)	<i>Penstemon pallidus</i>
Beard Tongue (Smooth)	<i>Penstemon calycosus</i>
Bergamot, Wild	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
Black Cohosh, False Bugbane	<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
Brown-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>
Butterfly Weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
Columbine, Wild	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>
Coneflower, Purple	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>
Coreopsis (Prairie)	<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>
Coreopsis (Sand)	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>
Foam Flower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>
Geranium, Wild	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>
Geum	<i>Geum</i> spp.
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i> spp.
Grass Family	<i>Gramineae</i>
Indigo (Cream Wild)	<i>Baptisia leucophaea</i>
Indigo (White Wild)	<i>Baptisia leucantha</i>
Iris, Wild	<i>Iris virginica</i> var. <i>shrevei</i>
Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>
Lupine, Wild	<i>Lupinus perennis</i>
Meadow Rue	<i>Thalictrum</i> spp.
Northern Bedstraw	<i>Galium boreale</i>
Onions, Leeks, Wild	<i>Allium</i> spp.
Queen of the Prairie	<i>Filipendula rubra</i>
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>
Spiderwort, Common	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum</i> spp.
Toothwort	<i>Dentaria laciniata</i>



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Ginger, Wild
Mosses
Sedum
Strawberry, Wild
Violet

Bittersweet
Grape, Riverbank
Trumpet Creeper
Virginia Creeper
Virgin's Bower

Ash
Birch
Ironwood, Hop Hornbeam
Larch (American), Tamarack
Locust, Honey
Redbud
Sycamore

Blackhaw viburnum
Nannyberry
Snowberry
Spicebush
Winterberry
Witch Hazel

Ground Covers

Asarum canadense
Various spp.
Sedum spp.
Fragaria virginiana
Viola spp.

Perennial Vines

Celastrus scandens
Vitis riparia
Campsis radicans
Parthenocissus quinquefolia
Clematis virginiana

Trees

Fraxinus spp.
Betula spp.
Ostrya virginiana
Larix laricina
Gleditsia triacnathos
Cercis canadensis
Platanus occidentalis

Shrubs

Viburnum prunifolium
Viburnum lentago
Symphoricarpos albus
Lindera benzoin
Ilex verticillata
Hamamelis virginiana



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