

A New List of Deer Resistant Plants for the Garden

Editor's Note: As the drought has affected landscape plants outside of irrigated gardens, it appears that deer have changed their behavior by aggregating more around gardens and munching on previously avoided plants. The damage is indeed staggering in some situations. "They eat everything." Our office is often asked for a list of deer resistant plants. Regularly we devote an article to inform you about innovations to prevent deer browsing. Last year Mary Lynn Cox, in her article "*Co-Existing with Deer*" in *Pacific Horticulture* released a list of plants that deer seem to avoid and plants which are "safe bets" - deer may taste but usually do not destroy them.

Plants Deer Seem to Avoid

Acanthus mollis	Cytisus scoparius	Kniphofia uvaria
Acer circinatum	Dicentra formosa	Lamium
A. palmatum	D. spectabilis	Lavandula
Aconitum	Digitalis	Lawn Grass, when kept mowed
Actaceae	Dononaea viscosa	Leonotis leonurus
Agave	Echium fastuosum	Leptospermum
Ageratum houstonianum	Elaeagnus pungens	Leucosium
Allium (some)	Eleocharis montevidense	Liriope
Aloe	Epimedium	Lychnis coronaria
Amaryllis belladonna	Erica	Melia azedarach
Artemisia	Eriogonum, except	Melianthus major
Arum	E. arborescens	Mentha
Arunda donax	E. giganteum	Mesembryanthemum
Asarum caudatum	Euphorbia	Michelia figo
Asparagus falcatus	Euryops pectinatus	Mirabilis jalapa
Baccharis pilularis	Fatsyhedera lizei	Monardella macrantha
Bamboos	Ferns, except Pellaea	Myrtus communis
Beaucarnea recurvata	Festuca ovina glauca	Myosotis
Begonia tuberhybrida	Filipendula	Nandina
Berberis	Fragaria chiloensis	Narcissus
Brodiaea	Gallum odoratum	Nerium oleander
Buxus	Gamolepis chrysanthemoides	Nepeta
Calycanthus occidentalis	Gaultheria shallon	Nolina perryi
Carex	Genista monosperma	Ophiopogon japonicus
Catharanthus roseus	Grevillea	Paeonia suffruticosa
Ceanothus gloriolus	Griselinia lucida	Pandorea pandorana
Cerastium tomentosum	Gunnera tinctoria	Papaver orientale
Chrysanthemum frutescens	Hakea suaveolens	Phlomis fruticosa
C. maximum	Halimium atriplicifolium	Phormium tenax
Clivia miniata	Helichrysum	Plumbago auriculata
Corokia cotoneaster	Herbs, except basil	Podocarpus
Cortaderia selloana	Hibbertia scandens	Prunus caroliniana
Corylus cornuta californica	Hippophae rhamnoides	Raoulia australis
Cotoneaster buxifolius	Hosta	Rhododendron, large-leaves-except
Crinum	Hypericum	in northwest
Crocsmia	Ilex, except thornless	Rhus ovata
Cycas	Impatiens walleriana	Ribes
Cyclamen	Ioichroma cyaneum	Ricinus communis
Cymbalaria muralis	Iris	Romneya coulteri
Cyperus	Jasminum	
	Juniperus	

Rosmarinus officinalis
Ruscus aculeatus
Salvia
Santolina
Scabiosa
Senecio
Scilla peruviana
Silene acaulis
Sisyrinchium
Soleirolia soleirolii
Sparaxis tricolor
Spartium junceum
Stachys byzantina
Strelitzia reginae
Syzygium paniculatum
Taxus
Tecomaria capensis
Teucrium fruticans
Toimiea menziesii
Trillium
Vallota speciosa
Verbena tenuisecta
Vinca major
Yucca
Zantedeschia
Zauschneria
Zinnia

Reasonably Safe Bets

Achillea
Agonis flexuosa
Alyogyne huegelii
Andromeda polifolia
Arabis
Armeria maritima
Astilbe
Aubrieta deltoides
Bougainvillea
Calendula officinalis
Calliandra tweedyi
Callistemon
Campanula isophylla, and
others
Carpenteria californica
Cassia
Ceanothus griseus horizontalis
Ceanothus 'Blue Jean',
'Concha',

'Ray Hartman'
Celosia
Centaurea
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides,
C. willmottianum
Cercis occidentalis
Chamaecyparis
Chaenomeles japonica
Cheiranthus cheiri
Choisya ternata
Cissus rhombifolia
Cistus
Citrus
Clarkia
Clanthus puniceus
Coleonema album
C. pulchrum
Convolvulus cneorum
Coprosmia kirkii, C. repens
Coreopsis, except C. gigantea
C. grandiflora
Correa
Cotinus coggygria
Dendromecon
Diets vegeta
Dushesnea indica
Erigeron glaucus,
E. karvinskianus
Erysimum kotschyanum
Eschscholzia californica
Ficus
Forsythia
Freesia
Gaillardia
Gazania
Geranium
Gerbera
Hedera helix
Hebe pingiifolia "Pagei"
Helianthemum nummyarium
Helianthus
Kerria japonica
Lagerstroemia indica
Lantana
Ligularia tussilaginea
Ligustrum japonicum
Lithodora diffusa

Lobelia erinus
Loropetalum chinense
Lupinus
Lysimachia nummularia
Magnolia
Mahonia
Melaleuca nesophila
Mimulus
Monarda
Muehlenbeckia complexa
Myrica californica
Nierembergia hippomanica
Omphalodes cappadocica
Osmanthus
Oxalis
Pachysandra terminalis
Penstemon
Philadelphus mexicanus
Phlox subulata
Polygonatum
Potentilla
Pulmonaria
Punica granatum
Rubus calycinoides
Rudbeckia hirta, R.
'Goldsturm'
Sarcococca
Saxifraga
Scaevola 'Mauve Clusters'
Sollya heterophylla
Stokesia laevis
Syringa vulgaris
Tellima grandiflora
Tibouchina urvilleana
Trachelospermum jasminoides
Tradescantia
Tropaeolum
Tulipa
Vaccinium ovatum
Valeriana officinalis
Vancouveria hexandra
V. planipetala
Viburnum tinus,
V. burkwoodii,
V. davidii
Viola odorata
Wisteria