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Deer Resistant Plants

You beg, you cry, you put up flash tape, but those pesky deer are still treating your garden like a salad bar? Fear not, there is hope! Turn to the plants that will make deer decide not to come back for a second helping (this is a key point, because many young deer will try any plant once...but once is far better than again, and again, and again...)

Trees

- *Abies* - Fir
- *Acacia* - Acacia
- *Acer circinatum* - Vine Maple
- *Acer palmatum* - Japanese Maple
- *Albizia* - Mimosa
- *Callistemon* - Bottlebrush
- *Cedrus* - Cedar
- *Celtis* - Hackberry
- *Cercis occidentalis* - Western Redbud
- *Chamaecyparis* - False Cypress
- *Crataegus* - Hawthorn
- *Cupressus* - Cypress
- *Eucalyptus (some)* - Eucalyptus
- *Fig* - Fig
- *Fraxinus* - Ash
- *Ginkgo biloba* - Maidenhair Tree
- *Magnolia* - Magnolia
- *Maytenus boaria* - Maiten
- *Olea europaea* - Olive
- *Palms* - Palms
- *Picea* - Spruce
- *Pinus* - Pine
- *Podocarpus* - Podocarpus
- *Pseudotsuga menziesii* - Douglas Fir
- *Quercus* - Oak
- *Sequoia sempervirens* - Coast Redwood
- *Umbellularia californica* - California Laurel

Shrubs

- *Abelia x grandiflora* - Glossy Abelia
- *Aesculus californica* - California Buckeye
- *Arctostaphylos* - Manzanita
- *Bamboo* - Bamboo
- *Berberis* - Barberry
- *Buddleia* - Butterfly Bush
- *Buxus* - Boxwood
- *Calluna vulgaris* - Scotch Heather
- *Carpenteria californica* - Bush Anemone
- *Cassia* - Senna
- *Ceanothus* - California Lilac
- *Chaenomeles* - Flowering Quince
- *Choisya ternata* - Mexican Orange
- *Cistus (most)* - Rockrose
- *Cotoneaster* - Cotoneaster
- *Daphne* - Daphne
- *Dendromecon* - Bush Poppy

- *Elaeagnus* - Silverberry
- *Erica* - Heath
- *Eriogonum* - Wild Buckwheat
- *Escallonia* - Escallonia
- *Gaultheria shallon* - Salal
- *Heteromeles arbutifolia* - Toyon
- *Hibiscus syriacus* - Rose of Sharon
- *Hypericum* - St. John's Wort
- *Ilex* - Holly
- *Juniperus* - Juniper
- *Kerria japonica* - Japanese Kerria
- *Lantana* - Lantana
- *Lavandula* (some) - Lavender
- *Lavatera* - Tree Mallow
- *Leonotis leonurus* - Lion's Ear
- *Leptospermum* - Tea Tree
- *Mahonia* - Mahonia
- *Myrica californica* - Pacific Wax Myrtle
- *Myrtus communis* - Myrtle
- *Nandina domestica* - Heavenly Bamboo
- *Nerium oleander* - Oleander
- *Plumbago auriculata* - Plumbago
- *Potentilla* - Cinquefoil
- *Pyracantha* - Firethorn
- *Rhododendrons* (not *Azaleas*)
- *Rhus* - Sumac
- *Ribes* - Currant, Gooseberry
- *Rosmarinus officinalis* - Rosemary
- *Salvia* - Sage
- *Sarcococca* - Sarcococca
- *Sollya heterophylla* - Blue Bell Creeper
- *Spiraea* - Spirea
- *Symphoricarpos* - Snowberry
- *Syringa* - Lilac
- *Teucrium* - Germander
- *Tibouchina urvilleana* - Princess Flower
- *Trichostema lanatum* - Woolley Blue Curls
- *Vaccinium ovatum* - Evergreen Huckleberry
- *Viburnum* - Viburnum
- *Westringia fruticosa* - Coast Rosemary

Ground Covers & Vines

- *Ajuga* - Bugleweed
- *Arabis* - Rock Cress
- *Bougainvillea* - Bougainvillea
- *Ceratostigma plumbaginoides* - Dwarf Plumbago
- *Fragaria chiloensis* - Wild Strawberry
- *Galium odoratum* - Sweet Woodruff
- *Gazania* - Treasure Flower
- *Gelsemium sempervirens* - California Jessamine
- *Hedera helix* - English Ivy
- *Hibbertia scandens* - Golden Guinea Vine, Snake Vine
- *Jasminum* - Jasmine
- *Osteospermum fruticosum* - African Daisy
- *Pachysandra terminalis* - Japanese Spurge
- *Scaevola* - Fan Flower
- *Solanum jasminoides* - Potato Vine
- *Tecoma capensis* - Cape Honeysuckle
- *Vinca* - Periwinkle
- *Wisteria* - Wisteria

Perennials & Bulbs

- *Acanthus mollis* - Bear's Breech
- *Achillea* - Yarrow
- *Aconitum* - Monkshood
- *Agapanthus* - Lily-of-the-Nile
- *Agastache* - Giant Hyssop
- *Agave* - Agave
- *Alchemilla* - Lady's Mantle
- *Allium* - Ornamental Onion
- *Aloe* - Aloe
- *Anthemis* - Marguerite
- *Aquilegia* - Columbine
- *Arabis* - Rock Cress
- *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* - Kinnikinnick
- *Armeria* - Sea Thrift
- *Artemisia* - Wormwood
- *Aster* - Aster
- *Astilbe* - Astilbe
- *Aubrieta* - Rock Cress
- *Aurinia saxatilis* - Basket-of-Gold
- *Baptisia* - False Indigo
- *Blechnum spicant* - Deer Fern
- *Brachyscome* - Swan River Daisy
- *Campanula poscharskyana* - Bellflower
- *Carex* - Sedge
- *Centaurea* - Perennial Cornflower
- *Centranthus ruber* - Jupiter's Beard
- *Cerastium tomentosum* - Snow-In-Summer
- *Chrysanthemum frutescens* - Marguerite
- *Cimicifuga racemosa* - Bugbane
- *Convallaria majalis* - Lily-of-the-Valley
- *Coreopsis* - Coreopsis
- *Crococsmia* - Crocosmia
- *Crocus* - Crocus
- *Dahlia* - Dahlia
- *Delphinium* - Delphinium
- *Delosperma* - Hardy Ice Plant
- *Dicentra* - Bleeding Heart
- *Digitalis* - Foxglove
- *Echinacea purpurea* - Coneflower
- *Erigeron* - Fleabane
- *Erodium reichardii* - Cranesbill
- *Erysimum* - Wallflower
- *Euphorbia* - Spurge
- *Euryops* - Euryops
- *Ferns*
- *Festuca glauca* - Blue Sheep Fescue
- *Freesia* - Freesia
- *Gaillardia x grandiflora* - Blanket Flower
- *Geranium* - Cranesbill
- *Helichrysum* -
- *Helleborus* - Hellebore
- *Iberis* - Candytuft
- *Iris* - Iris
- *Ixia* - African Corn Lily
- *Kniphofia* - Red-Hot Poker
- *Lamium* - Dead Nettle
- *Limonium* - Sea Lavender
- *Liriope* - Lily Turf
- *Lithodora* - Lithodora
- *Lupinus* - Lupine
- *Lychnis coronaria* - Rose Campion
- *Mimulus* - Monkey Flower
- *Miscanthus sinensis* - Maiden Grass
- *Monarda* - Bee Balm
- *Myosotis scorpioides* - Forget-Me-Not
- *Narcissus* - Daffodil
- *Nepeta* - Catmint
- *Origanum* - Oregano
- *Papaver* - Poppy
- *Phlomis* - Jerusalem Sage
- *Phlox subulata* - Creeping Phlox
- *Romneya coulteri* - Matilija Poppy
- *Rudbeckia hirta* - Black-Eyed Susan
- *Santolina* - Cotton Lavender
- *Saxifraga* - Saxifrage

- *Scabiosa (some)* - Pincushion Flower
- *Sisyrinchium* - Blue-Eyed Grass
- *Stachys byzantina* - Lamb's Ears
- *Stipa* - Feather Grass
- *Thymus* - Thyme
- *Verbena* - Verbena

- *Veronica* - Speedwell
- *Viola odorata* - Sweet Violet
- *Yucca* - Yucca
- *Zantedeschia* - Calla
- *Zauschneri* - California Fuchsia

Annuals

- *Ageratum houstonianum* - Ageratum
- *Calendula officinalis* - English Marigold
- *Campanula medium* - Canterbury Bell
- *Catharanthus roseus* - Madagascar Periwinkle
- *Clarkia amoena* - Godetia

- *Impatiens* - Balsam
- *Myosotis sylvatica* - Forget-me-not
- *Papaver rhoeas* - Shirley Poppy
- *Scabiosa (some)* - Pincushion Flower
- *Senecio x hybridus* - Cineraria

Grasses

- *Acornus* - Sweet Flag
- *Arundo* - Giant Reed
- *Calamagrostis* - Feather Reed Grass
- *Carex* - Sedge
- *Ceratonia siliqua* -
- *Deschampsia* - Tufted Hair Grass
- *Elymus* - Lyme Grass
- *Festuca* - Fescue

- *Hakonechloa* - Hakonechloa
- *Helicototrichon* - Blue Oat Grass
- *Miscanthus* - Miscanthus
- *Molinia* - Moor Grass
- *Panicum* - Switch Grass
- *Pennisetum* - Fountain Grass
- *Phalaris* - Ribbon Grass
- *Phormium* - Flax
- *Stipa* - Feather Grass

Herbs

- *Anethum graveolens* - Dill
- *Chamomile* - Chamomile
- *Lavandula* - Lavender
- *Melissa officinalis* - Lemon Balm
- *Mentha spp.* - Mint
- *Origanum spp.* - Marjoram

- *Origanum spp.* - Oregano
- *Rosmarinus officinalis* - Rosemary
- *Ruta graveolens* - Rue
- *Satureja spp.* - Savory
- *Thymus spp.* - Thyme