

# East Wind LANDSCAPE NURSERY

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## Deer Plant Preferences

Those of us, who garden in areas where deer population density is high, realize that no plant is entirely deer resistant. However, there are certain plants reputedly less palatable to deer, and therefore least likely to be consumed or seriously damaged by browsing. The first step one can take to curb the ravages of our whitetails is to plant their least favorites and avoid those they crave. Due to various other factors affecting deer grazing, such as plant maturity, snow cover, and an individual deer's preferences, the following lists are not guarantees they are merely guidelines.

### Perennials Deer Avoid Eating: (winter hardy to USDA Zones 4 or 5)

Achillea cultivars  
(**yarrow**)  
Aconitum species & cultivars  
(**monkshood**)  
Ajuga reptans  
(**ajuga**)  
Alchemilla mollis  
(**ladies mantle**)  
Allium species  
(**ornamental onion, chives**)  
Amsonia species & cultivars  
(**Arkansas amsonia**)  
Aquilegia species & cultivars  
(**columbine**)  
Arabis species  
(**rockcress**)  
Armeria maritima  
(**sea thrift**)  
Artemisia species & cultivars  
(**wormwood**)  
Asarum canadense  
(**Canadian wild ginger**)  
Asclepias tuberosa  
(**butterfly weed**)  
Astilbe species & cultivars  
(**astilbe**)  
Aurinia saxatilis  
(**basket-of-gold**)  
Baptisia australis  
(**blue indigo**)  
Cerastium tomentosum  
(**snow-in-summer**)  
Ceratostigma plumbaginoides  
(**blue plumbago**)  
Cimicifuga racemosa  
(**snakeroot**)  
Coreopsis species & cultivars  
(**tickseed**)  
Convallaria majalis  
(**lily-of-the-valley**)  
Dicentra species  
(**bleeding heart**)  
Dictamnus albus  
(**gas plant**)

Digitalis species & cultivars  
(**foxglove**)  
Echinacea purpurea & cultivars  
(**purple cone flower**)  
Euphorbia species  
(**spurge**)  
Galium odoratum  
(**sweet woodruff**)  
Geranium species & cultivars  
(**hardy geranium**)  
Gypsophila species  
(**baby's breath**)  
Helleborus spp. & cultivars  
(**helebore**)  
Iberis sempervirens  
(**candytuft**)  
Iris species & cultivars  
(**Iris**)  
Lamium galeobdolon  
(**yellow archangel**)  
Lamium maculatum cultivars  
(**lamium**)  
Lathyrus latifolius  
(**perennial sweet pea**)  
Lavandula angustifolia  
(**English lavender**)  
Liatris spicata  
(**blazing star, gay feather**)  
Lilium hybrids  
(**hybrid lily**)  
Limonium latifolium  
(**sea lavender**)  
Lupinus hybrids  
(**lupine**)  
Melissa officinalis  
(**lemon balm**)  
Mentha species  
(**mint**)  
Myosotis species  
(**forget-me-not**)  
Narcissus species & cultivars  
(**daffodil**)  
Nepeta species  
(**catmint, catnip**)

Oenothera species  
(**evening primrose**)  
Origanum vulgare  
(**culinary oregano**)  
Pachysandra terminalis  
(**Japanese spurge**)  
Paeonia cultivars  
(**peony**)  
Papaver species  
(**poppy**)  
Perovskia atriplicifolia  
(**Russian sage**)  
Physostegia virginiana  
(**obedient plant**)  
Polemonium caeruleum  
(**Jacob's ladder**)  
Pulmonaria species & cultivars  
(**lungwort**)  
Rudbeckia fulgida cultivars  
(**blackeyed Susan**)  
Salvia officinalis  
(**culinary sage**)  
Scabiosa caucasica  
(**pincushion flower**)  
Stachys bysantina  
(**lamb's ear**)  
Tanacetum parthenium  
(**feverfew**)  
Thalictrum species  
(**meadow-rue**)  
Thymus species & cultivars  
(**thyme**)  
Tiarella cordifolia  
(**foam flower**)  
Tricyrtis hirta  
(**toad lily**)  
Veronica species & cultivars  
(**speedwell**)  
Waldstenia species  
(**barren strawberry**)  
**Ferns**  
(most species & cultivars)  
**Ornamental Grasses**  
(most species & cultivars)

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## Shrubs Deer Avoid Eating: (winter hardy to USDA Zones 4 or 5)

Berberis species & cultivars  
(**barberry**)  
Buddleja davidii  
(**butterfly Bush**)  
Buxus microphylla cultivars  
(**boxwood**)  
Callicarpa dichotoma  
(**beautyberry**)  
Calycanthus floridus  
(**sweet shrub**)  
Caryopteris X clandonensis  
(**blue mist shrub**)  
Cotinus coggygria  
(**smoke bush**)  
Forsythia species & cultivars  
(**forsythia**)  
Hamamelis virginiana  
(**common witchhazel**)  
Hibiscus syriacus  
(**rose-of-sharon**)  
Hippophae rhamnoides  
(**sea buckthorn**)

Ilex verticillata cultivars  
(**winterberry**)  
Juniperus chinensis cultivars  
(**Chinese juniper**)  
Juniperus scopulorum cultivars  
(**Rocky Mountain juniper**)  
Juniperus squamata cultivars  
(**singleseed juniper**)  
Juniperus virginiana cultivars  
(**eastern red cedar**)  
Kolkwitzia amabilis  
(**beauty bush**)  
Ligustrum species & cultivars  
(**privet**)  
Lindera benzoin  
(**spicebush**)  
Lonicera species & cultivars  
(**honeysuckle**)  
Mahonia aquifolium  
(**Oregon grapeholly**)  
Myrica pensylvanica  
(**northern bayberry**)

Philadelphus species & cultivars  
(**sweet mockorange**)  
Picea species & cultivars  
(**spruce**)  
Pinus mugo  
(**mugo pine**)  
Potentilla fruticosa  
(**bush cinquefoil**)  
Prunus tenella  
(**dwarf Russian almond**)  
Rhus aromatica & cultivars  
(**fragrant sumac**)  
Ribes alpinum & cultivars  
(**alpine currant**)  
Rosa rugosa  
(**rugosa rose**)  
Spiraea species & cultivars  
(**spirea**)  
Symphoricarpos X chenaultii  
(**coralberry**)  
Weigela florida cultivars  
(**weigela**)

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## Plants Deer Love To Eat:

### Perennials

Fragaria species  
(**strawberry**)  
Hemerocallis cultivars  
(**daylily**)  
Hosta cultivars  
(**hosta**)  
Phlox paniculata  
(**garden phlox**)  
Sedum acre  
(**goldmoss stonecrop**)  
Tulipa species & cultivars  
(**tulip**)  
Vinca minor  
(**periwinkle, myrtle**)

### Shrubs

Abies cultivars  
(**fir**)  
Chamaecyparis cultivars  
(**false cypress**)  
Cornus species & cultivars  
(**dogwood**)  
Euonymus alatus  
(**winged burning bush**)  
Euonymus fortunei cultivars  
(**wintercreeper**)  
Ilex X meservae cultivars  
(**blue holly**)  
Kalmia latifolia  
(**mountain laurel**)  
Pieris species & cultivars  
(**pieris**)

Pinus strobus cultivars  
(**white pine**)  
Prunus species (most)  
(**cherry**)  
Rhododendron species & cultivars  
(**azalea & rhododendron**)  
Rosa species & cultivars (most)  
(**rose**)  
Rubus species  
(**bramble berries**)  
Taxus species  
(**yew**)  
Thuja occidentalis  
(**eastern arborvitae**)  
Tsuga canadensis cultivars  
(**Canadian hemlock**)