



# ***Unique Garden Centre***

## **DEER RESISTANT GARDENING**

As deer populations continue to increase, hungry and sometimes starving animals can ruin a gardener's efforts in just one night. They strip trees, shrubs, and other plants of foliage from ground level to a height of six feet. Edge areas, where humans have cleared the land to build houses and plant crops, have become preferred sites for deer to forage. If they feed well, were not chased by predators, or disturbed by deterrents the first time they visited your area, you can be assured that they will return - deer are creatures of habit.

In winter, when the snow becomes deeper, they gather for the protection of many eyes, ears, and noses to detect enemies. They survive the cold season on a meager diet of woody plant buds and evergreen branch tips. By spring, in a state of near starvation, they are very anxious to regain their lost weight. Throughout spring and summer they may come and nibble on the new and tender growth of your plants. However, it is in the fall, as winter nears, that they scrounge for anything that looks fattening. Fruits, seeds and nuts will be devoured as soon as they are available.

It is easy to recognize the damage they cause to trees and shrubs even if you have not seen them actually feeding. Since they do not have upper incisors, they are unable to neatly clip-browse as other animals do - branch tips will have a torn and ragged appearance.

Avoiding plants that deer prefer AND using plants they do not like, may be the only way to save your landscaping efforts.

### Deer Resistant Trees

Ash	Birch	Hackberry	Hawthorn	Japanese Tree Lilac	Linden
Manitoba Maple	Oak	Ohio Buckeye	Russian Olive	Willow	

### Deer Resistant Shrubs

Arrowwood	Barberry	Beaked Hazelnut	Broom	Buffalo Berry	
Burning Bush	Caragana	Chokeberry (Aronia)			
Coralberry	Cotoneaster	Cranberry	Daphne	Elderberry	
Forsythia	Honeysuckle	Hydrangea	Lilac	Mockorange	
Potentilla	Russian Almond	Rose	Saskatoon	Sea Buckthorn	
Snowberry	Spiraea	Sumac	Weigela	Wolf Willow	

### Deer Resistant Perennials and Annuals

Achillea spp. yarrow - all kinds	Aconitum napellus Monkshood
Agastache foeniculum giant hyssop	Alchemilla mollis lady's mantle
Alyssum maritimum alyssum	Anaphalis margaritacea pearly
everlasting	Antennaria dioica pussy toes
Anthemis tinctoria golden marguerite	<b>Antirrhinum majus snap dragons</b>
Armeria maritima thrift	Artemisia schmidtrana silver mound
Aruncus dioicus goatsbeard	Astilbe spp. astilbe
<b>Calendula officinalis calendula</b>	Caltha palustris marsh marigold
Campunula rotundifolia harebells	Cerastium snow-in-summer
Chrysanthemum coccineum pyrethrum	Chrysanthemum superbum shasta daisy
Dianthus spp. pink family	Echinacea spp. coneflower
Erigeron philadelphicus fleabane	Eryngium planum sea holly
Euphorbia polychroma cushion spurge	Gaillardia grandiflora blanketflower
Goniolimon tataricum German statice	Helichrysum spp. everlastings
Hemerocallis spp. daylily	Iridaceae spp. iris
Lavandula spp. lavender	Limonium sinuata statice
<b>Lobelia tenuior, erinus lobelia</b>	Lychnis coronaria rose champion
Lysimachia nummularia creeping jenny	Monarda didyma bee balm
Matteuccia struthiopteris ostrich fern	Nasturtium
Narcissus spp. daffodils	Oenothera spp. Evening primrose
Nepeta mussinii catmint	Papaver nudicaule Icelandic poppy
Paeonia spp. peony	<b>Papaver spp. all annual poppies</b>
Papaver orientale Oriental poppy	<b>Portulaca grandiflora portulaca</b>
Perovskia atriplicifolia Russian sage	Pulmonaria Bethlehem sage, Lungwort
Primula spp. English primrose	Sedum spp. stonecrop
<b>Salvia patens salvia</b>	Stachys byzantina lamb's ear
<b>Senecio cineraria dusty miller</b>	Thalictium rochebrunianum meadowrue
<b>Tagetes signata marigold gem series</b>	Veronica spicata speedwell
Thymus serpyllum mother-of-thyme	
Veronica virginica culver's root	

### Deer Resistant Native and Ornamental Grasses

Agrostis scabra hair grass	Andropogon gerardi big bluestem
Bouteloua gracilis blue grama grass	Festuca glauca blue fescue
Helictotrichon sempervirens blue oat grass	
Hierochloa odorata sweet grass	Koeleria cristata June grass
Molina caerulea variegata moor grass	
Schizachyrium scoparium little bluestem	Sisyrinchium blue-eyed grass

### Occasionally Nibbled Plant

Aquilegia canadensis common columbine	Daffodils daffodils
Dicentra spp. bleeding heart	Echinacea coneflower
Eupatorium purpureum joe Pye weed	Liatris spicata gay feather
Linum perenne perennial flax	Lychnis chalconia Maltese cross
Viola spp. violet	