

# Deer-Resistant Plants



Although no plant is truly “deer proof,” a hungry animal will eat almost anything, there are many varieties of perennials and shrubs that deer tend to avoid. As a general rule, most anything with needles, a tough texture or powerful smell are usually avoided. Here’s a list of trees, shrubs and perennials that are rarely browsed by deer.

## Deciduous Trees

- Maple
- Birch
- Shagbark Hickory
- Catalpa
- Redbud
- Hawthorn
- Beech
- Ginkgo
- Honeylocust
- Spicebush
- Sweet Gum
- Tulip Tree
- Magnolia
- Dawn Redwood
- Tupelo
- Sycamore
- Oak
- Black Locust
- Willow
- Sassafras
- Bald Cypress

## Evergreen Trees

- Spruce
- Eastern Red Cedar

## Vines

- Honeysuckle

## Shrub Conifers & Broad-leaved Evergreens

- Boxwood
- Spruce

## Deciduous Shrubs

- Serviceberry
- Flowering Quince
- Summersweet
- Sweet-fern
- Smoke Bush
- Cotoneaster
- Enkianthus
- Forsythia
- Witch hazel
- Hydrangea

*(except H. arborescens & H. quercifolia)*

- Japanese Kerria
- Bayberry
- Sourwood
- Peony
- Mock Orange
- Spiraea
- Lilac
- Blueberry
- Viburnum
- Weigela



Redbud



Honeysuckle



Hydrangea