

# 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