

A LIST OF DEER RESISTANT PLANTS FOR THE GARDEN

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This list has been compiled from several sources with the understanding that deer, if starved or in great stress, will "EAT EVERYTHING". Young deer will taste many plants to discover if they "LIKE THE TASTE"; so if you have a new plant and many young deer, you may lose that plant. Once deer discover they do not like a plant's taste, they will usually leave them alone. The following lists are of plants which should do well in LAKE COUNTY, OR IN ZONE 7 (as Lake County is designated in the *New Western Garden Book*).

TREES

Abies - fir	Lithocarpus densiflora - tanbark oak
Acacia baileyana - mimosa	Liquidambar – sweet gum
Acer - maple	Magnolia – various
Albizia julibrissum - silk tree	Palmae – palm
Arbutus unedo - strawberry tree	Picea – spruce
Betula pendula - european white birch	Pinus – pine
Cotinus coggygria - smoke tree	Robinia pseudocacia - black locust
Fraxinus - ash	Umbellularia – California bay
Eucalyptus -	Rhus – sumac

SHRUBS

Baccaris pilularis - coyote brush	Leptaspermum – tea shrub (some)
Bamboo – various	Kerria japonica – kerria
Berberis – barberry	Mahonia – Oregon grape
Buxus - boxwood	Myrtus communis – true myrtle
Ceanothus – various	Nandina – heavenly bamboo
Calycanthus occidentalis – spice bush	Nerium oleander – oleander
Choisya ternate – mexican orange	Pieris japonica – lily of the valley shrubs
Cotoneaster – some	Potentilla – cinquefoil
Daphne – some	Prunus caroliniana – laurel cherry
Dodonaea viscosa – hop bush	Punica – pomegranate
Elaeagnus pungens – silverberry	Rhus – sumac
Erica – heath	Ribes – currant
Euonymus japonica – various	Romneya coulteri – matilija poppy
Fatsia japonica – japenese aralia	Salvia – various
Grevillea – some	Santolina – gun cotton
Gaultheria shallon – salal	Senecio greyi
Halemium – sneezeweed	Taxus – yew
Hibiscus syriacus – rose of Sharon	Teucrium fruticans – bush germander
Heteromelles – toyon	Spiraea – various
Ilex – holly (except thornless)	Yucca – various

ANNUALS

Ageratum – floss flower
Antirrhinum majus - snapdragon
Begonia x semperflorens – wax begonia
Catharanthus roseus – periwinkle
Cleome hassierna – cleome
Chrysanthemum frutescens – marguerite
Dahlia sp. – dahlia
Datura sp. – thorn apple
Helichysum – strawflowers
Heliotropium arborecens – heliotrope
Herbs – various
Impatiens walleriana – bizzie lizzie
Ipomoea sp. – morning glory

PERENNIALS & BULBS

Acanthus mollis – bear’s breech
Aconitum – monkshood
Achillia sp. – yarrow
Amaryllis belladonna – naked lady lilly
Angelica archangelica – angelica
Anemone – various
Allium – various
Alyssum saxatile – basket of gold
Aquilegia sp. – colombine
Artemisia – wormwood
Arum
Aruncus dioicus – goatsbeard
Artichoke
Asarum caudatum – wild ginger
Asclepias tuberosa – butterfly weed
Asparagus falcatus – sickle-thorn asparagus
Arisaema triphyllum – jack in the pulpit
Aster alpinus – alpine aster
Begonia tuberbybrida – tuberose begonia
Baptisia sp. – false indigo
Berginia sp. – berginia
Brodiaea sp. – brodia
Buddlea sp. – butterfly bush
Carix – sedge
Cerastium - snow in the summer
Centuria sp. – knapweed
Chrysanthemum maximum – Shasta daisy
Clivia minata – kaffir lily
Coreopsis sp. - coreopsis
Crinum
Crocsmia – montbretia

Lobelia sp. – various
Lobularia maritima – sweet alyssum
Mesembryathemum – ice plant (some) *
Pelargonium – zonal geranium
Petroselinum – parsley
Ricinus communis – castor bean
Silybum sp. - thistle
Tagetes sp. – marigold
Zinnia sp. – zinnia

* Not *Carpobroths edulis* which is invasive

Cyclamen
Cymbalaria muralis – Kenilworth ivy
Dicentra formosa – bleeding heart
Digitalis sp. – foxglove
Erigonium umbellatum – sulfur flower
Eschscholzia California – California poppy
Euphoria – various
Euryops pectinatus
Ferns – various
Festuca ovina glauca – blue fescue
Fillipendula
Fragaria chiloensis – wild strawberry
Galium odaratum – sweet woodruff
Gaillardia sp. – blanket flower
Gunnera
Herbs
Hibiscus moshentos – rose mallow
Hemerocallis – daylily
Hosta – plantain lily
Hypericum – St. Johnswort (can be invasive)
Iris – various
Isotoma – blue star creeper
Jasminum – jasmine
Juniperur – junipers (various)
Kniphofia unvaria – red-hot poker
Lamium sp. – dead nettle
Lavendula – lavender
Lawn grass – if kept mowed
Leonotis leonurus – lion’s tail
Leucojum – snowflake
Liriope sp. – lily turf

PERENNIAL'S, BULB'S cont.

Lychnis sp. – mullein pink
Mentha sp. – mints
Mirabilis jalapa – four o'clocks
Monardella macrantha
Monarda sp. – bee balm
Myosotis – forget-me-not
Narcissus sp.
Nepeta sp. – cat mint, nip
Osteospermum – african daisy
Paeonia sp. – peony
Papaver sp. – poppy's
Phlomis fruticosa – jerusalem sage
Phormium – new zealand flax
Podocarpus – (SOME) yew pine
Potentilla
Raoullia australis
Ranunculus sp.
Rosemary sp.

PERENNIAL'S, BULB'S, ADDITIONS

Amsonia tabernaemontana – amsonia
Boltonia asteroides – boltonia
Campanula carpatica – tussock bellflower
Chrysanthemum coccineum – painted daisy
Chrysanthemum parthenium – feverfew
Dianthus sp. – sweet William, pinks
Cimicifuga racemosa – bugbane
Dictamnus albus – gas plant
Echinacae purpurea – purple coneflower
Eupatorium sp. - joe-pye weed
Fritallaria imperialis – crown imperial
Geum sp. – avens
Gypsophila paniculata – baby's breath
Helleborus sp. – hellebore
Iberis sempervirens – candy tuft
Liatrus spicata – spike gayfeather
Lilium lancifolium – tiger lily
Limonium latifolium – statice
Linaria sp. – toadflax
Linum perene – perennial blue flax
Lupinus – lupine
Mitchella repens – partridgeberry

Santolina – gun cotton
Scabiosa sp. – pincushion flower
Senecia sp. – dusty miller
Scilla sp. – squill
Silene sp. – campion
Sisurinchium sp.
Solidago sp. – goldenrod
Soleirolia solerollii – baby's tears
Sparaxis tricolor – harlequin flower
Stachys byzantina – lamb's ear
Tolmiea menziesii – piggyback plant
Trillium sp. – wake robin
Valleta sp. –
Verbenia sp. – verbena
Veronica sp. – speedwell
Zantedeschia – calla
Epilobium canum – California fuchsia

Myrrhis odorata – sweet cicely
Oenothera tetragona – sundrops
Oenothera sp. – evening primrose
Origanum sp. – oregano
Phalaris arundinacea – ribbon grass
Platycodon grandiflorus – balloon flower
Polemonium caeruleum – jacob's ladder
Primula sp. – primrose
Pulmonaria sp. – lungwort
Rheum sp. – rhubarb
Saponaria sp. – soapwort
Tanacetum sp. – tansy
Verbascum sp. – mullein (can be invasive)
Viola labridorica – labraidoria violet

Aegopodium podagrana – bishop's weed
Ajuga reptans – bugleweed
Convallana majallis – lily of the valley
Oelastrus sp. – bittersweet
Lonicera sp. – honeysuckle (can be invasive)

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