



Deer Resistant Plants

There is no such thing as a deer *proof* plant, but there are deer resistant plants. Most of the plants listed here will not be eaten by deer (especially if there are other choices), however there is no guarantee that they might not sample it (depending on how hungry they get).

We have rated each of the plants below with a number. 1 is most resistant to foraging, 3 is less resistant. If you have any questions about any of the plants or where to find them in the Nursery, please ask us.

Note that this list is intended for the Placerville area. If you live at a higher elevation, the plant might not be cold-hardy. Please ask us if you have any concerns.

Sun Perennials

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| 2 Achillea, Yarrow | 1 Dierama, Fairy Wand | 1 Lantana (purple only, other colors are less resistant) |
| 2 Agastache, Anise Hyssop | 1 Dietes, Fortnight Lily (DT) | 2 Lavatera, Tree Mallow |
| 2 Amaryllis belladonna, Naked Lady | 2 Echinacea, Coneflower (DT) | 2 Limonium, Sea Lavender |
| 3 Arabis, Rockcress | 2 Erigeron karvinskianus, Santa Barbara Daisy | 1 Lychnis coronaria, Crown Pink |
| 3 Arctotis, African Daisy | 1 Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve', English Wallflower | 1 Mentha, Mint |
| 3 Armeria, Sea Pink | 1 Euphorbia | 2 Mimulus aurantiacus, Monkey Flower |
| 2 Artemesia | 3 Felicia amelloides, Blue Marguerite | 3 Monarda, Bee Balm |
| 3 Aster alpinus | 1 Gaillardia, Blanket Flower | 3 Myosotis. Forget-Me-Not |
| 2 Astericus maritimus, Gold Coin | 3 Geranium, Cranesbill | 1 Narcissus, Daffodil |
| 3 Baptisa, False Indigo | 3 Gerbera, Transvaal Daisy | 2 Nepeta, Cat Mint |
| 1 Carex, Sedge | 1 Grasses (most) | 1 Origanum, Oregano |
| 2 Chrysanthemum maximum, Shasta Daisy | 2 Herbs (except basil) | |
| 2 Coreopsis grandiflora | 1 Hesperaloe parvifolia, Red Yucca | |
| 2 Crocosmia, Montbretia | 2 Iberis sempervirens, Candytuft | |
| 2 Crocus | 1 Iris | |
| 1 Cyperus alternifolius, Umbrella Plant | 1 Ixia, African Corn Lily | |
| 3 Delphinium spp. | 1 Kniphofia, Red Hot Poker (DT) | |

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Sun Perennials cont.

- 3 Papaver orientale, Oriental Poppy
- 3 Penstemon, Bearded Tongue
- 1 Perovskia, Russian Sage
- 1 Phormium tenax, Flax
- 2 Romneya coulteri, Matillija Poppy (DT)
- 3 Rudbeckia, Black-Eyed Susan (DT)
- 2 Salvia, Sage

- 1 Santolina (DT)
- 2 Silene
- 3 Scabiosa, Pincushion Flower
- 1 Stachys byzantina, Lamb's Ear
- 1 Sparaxis, Harlequin Flower
- 1 Tagetes iemmonii, Copper Canyon Daisy
- 2 Teucrium, Germander (DT)

- 1 Thymus, Thyme
- 1 Tulbaghia, Society Garlic
- 3 Verbena
- 2 Veronica, Speedwell
- 2 Zantedeschia, Calla Lily
- 2 Zauschneria, California Fuschia

Sun Shrubs

- 3 Abelia
- 3 Alcea rosea, Hollyhock
- 2 Arbutus, Strawberry Tree (DT)
- 3 Arctostaphylos, Manzanita (DT)
- 2 Artemesia (DT)
- 1 Baccharis, Coyote Bush (DT)
- 3 Berberis, Barberry
- 2 Buddleia, Butterfly Bush (DT)
- 4 Buxus, Boxwood
- 1 Callistemon, Bottlebrush (DT)
- 1 Carpenteria, Bush Anemone (DT)
- 2 Caryopteris, Blue Mist
- 2 Ceanothus, Wild Lilac - small leaved (DT)
- 2 Cercis occidentalis, Redbud (DT)
- 3 Chaenomeles, Flowering Quince
- 3 Cistus, Rockrose (some) (DT)
- 1 Coleonema , Breath-of-Heaven
- 4 Cotinus, Smoke Tree (DT)
- 3 Cotoneaster m. thymifolius (DT)
- 1 Daboecia, Irish Heath
- 2 Dendromecon, Island Bush Poppy (DT)
- 2 Dodonaea, Hopseed Bush (DT)
- 2 Elaeagnus, Silver Berry
- 1 Eriogonum, Wild Buckwheat
- 3 Escallonia

- 1 Euryops, Daisy Bush (DT)
- 3 Feijoa, Pineapple Guava (DT)
- 4 Forsythia
- 2 Fremontodendron, Flannel Bush (DT)
- 1 Grevillea (DT)
- 2 Helianthemum, Sun Rose (DT)
- 3 Heteromeles, Toyon (DT)
- 1 Ilex, Holly
- 1 Juniperus, Juniper (DT)
- 2 Laurus nobilis, Grecian Bay (DT)
- 1 Lavandula, Lavender (DT)
- 2 Leonotis, Lion's Tail
- 1 Leucophyllum frutesc., Texas Ranger (DT)
- 3 Loropetalum, Chinese Fringe Flower
- 2 Lupinus, Lupine
- 1 Mahonia, Oregon Grape (DT)
- 2 Melianthus, Honey Bush
- 2 Myrica, Pacific Wax Myrtle
- 2 Myrtus communis, Myrtle
- 2 Nandina d. 'Nana' or 'Firepower' only
- 1 Nerium, Oleander (DT)
- 2 Osmanthus
- 3 Philadelphus, Mock Orange
- 1 Phlomis fruticosa, Jerusalem Sage

- 1 Phormium, Flax (DT)
- 2 Punica granatum, Pomegranate (DT)
- 3 Plumbago auriculata
- 2 Potentilla, Cinquefoil
- 3 Pyracantha (DT)
- 1 Rhamnus californica, Coffee Berry (DT)
- 2 Rhododendron (not azaleas)
- 2 Rhus ovata, Lemonade Bush
- 1 Rosemarinus officinalis, Rosemary (DT)
- 3 Sambucus, Elder Berry
- 1 Santolina (DT)
- 1 Senecio cineraria, Dusty Miller
- 3 Spiraea
- 3 Syringa, Lilac
- 1 Teucrium, Germander (DT)
- 2 Thuja, Arborvitae
- 1 Vitex, Chaste Tree
- 2 Zauschneria, Cal. Fuschia (DT)
- 1 Yucca (DT)
- 2 Hypericum, St. John's Wort
- 3 Viburnum, Snow Ball Bush

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Sun Trees

1 Acacia (DT)	1 Cupressus, Cypress	3 Paulownia, Empress Tree
2 Acer negundo, Box Elder	2 Diospyros, Persimmon	2 Picea, Spruce
2 Aesculus, Buck Eye (DT)	1 Eucalyptus (DT)	1 Pinus, Pine
2 Arbutus unedo, Strawberry Tree (DT)	1 Fig (DT)	2 Platanus, Sycamore (DT)
2 Arbutus menziesii, Madrone (DT)	2 Fraxinus, Ash (DT)	2 Pseudotsuga, Douglas Fir
3 Arctostaphylos 'Dr. Hurd,' Manzanita	1 Grevillea robusta	3 Quercus, Oak (some DT)
3 Calocedrus, Incense Cedar	2 Gymnocladus dioica	1 Rhus typhina, Staghorn Sumac
3 Catalpa	1 Juniperus, Juniper (DT)	2 Robinia pseudoacacia, Locust (DT)
1 Cedrus, Cedar	2 Larix, Larch	1 Sequoia giganteum, Giant Sequoia
3 Celtis, Hackberry	2 Laurus nobilis, Grecian Bay (DT)	3 Sequoia sempervirens, Redwood
2 Cercis canadensis, Eastern Redbud	2 Lithocarpus, Iron Bark	2 Thuja, Arborvitae
3 Chamaecyparis, False Cypress	3 Magnolia spp.	1 Trachycarpus, Windmill Palm
1 Chamaerops, Mexican Fan Palm (DT)	2 Maytenus, Mayten	2 Torreya, Cal. Nutmeg
3 Crataegus, Hawthorn	2 Melia azedarach, China Berry	3 Tsuga, Hemlock
	3 Olea, Olive	2 Umbellularia californica, Cal. Bay (DT)

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Shade Perennials

2 Acanthus mollis, Bear's Breech	2 Erodium, Cranesbill	2 Paeonia, Peony
2 Aconitum, Monk's Hood	1 Euphorbia (some)	3 Saxifraga
1 Acorus, Sweet Flag	1 Ferns (except Pella)	2 Silene
2 Agastache	2 Galium odoratum, Sweet Woodruff	1 Sisyrinchium, Blue-Eyed Grass
2 Aquilegia, Columbine	3 Geranium, Cranesbill	1 Stachys byzantina, Lamb's Ear
2 Arum	3 Gerbera, Transvaal Daisy	3 Tradescantia, Spiderwort
3 Astilbe, False Spirea	1 Helleborus, Lantern Rose	3 Viola odorata, Sweet Violets
2 Bergenia	2 Herbs (except basil)	2 Zantedeschia, Calla Lily
3 Bletilla (Ground Orchid)	2 Lamium, Dead Nettle	
2 Campanula poscharskyana, Serbian Bellflower	2 Liriope, Turf Lily	
1 Carex, Sedge	2 Lithodora	
2 Crocus	2 Mimulus aurantiacus, Monkey Flower	
2 Cyclamen	1 Narcissus, Daffodil	
1 Dicentra, Bleeding Hear	1 Oxalis oregana, Redwood Sorrel	
2 Erigeron karvinskianus, Santa Barbara Daisy		

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Shade Shrubs

1 Bamboo (some)	3 Gaultheria shallon	1 Rhamnus californica, Coffee Berry
1 Buxus, Boxwood	1 Ilex, Holly	2 Rhododendron (not azaleas)
1 Calluna, Heather	3 Kerria	3 Ribes (varies)
2 Calycanthus, Cal. Spice Bush	3 Loropetalum, Chinese Fringe Flower	1 Rubus pentalobus
2 Carpenteria	2 Mahonia, Oregon Grape	3 Sambucus, Elderberry
1 Choisya, Mexican Orange	2 Melianthus, Honey Bush	1 Sarcococca
3 Cornus stolonifera, Red Twig Dogwood	2 Nandina d. 'Nana' or 'Firepower' <u>only</u>	2 Sollya
1 Daboecia, Heather	1 Osmanthus heterophyllus (ilicifolia)	1 Symphoricarpos, Snowberry
1 Daphne	3 Philadelphus, Mock Orange	2 Thuja, Arborvitae
1 Erica, Heath	1 Pieris, Lily-of-the-Valley shrub	3 Vaccinium
1 Fatsia japonica, Japanese Aralia	2 Podocarpus m. 'Maki,' Dwarf Yew Pine	3 Viburnum davidii

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2 Abies, Fir	3 Corylus cornuta californica, Filbert	3 Sequoia sempervirens, Redwood
2 Acer circinatum, Vine Maple	2 Cryptomeria	2 Taxus, Yew
2 Acer negundo, Box Elder	1 Ilex, Holly	2 Thuja, Arborvitae
3 Acer palmatum, Japanese Maple	3 Magnolia	2 Torreya, Cal. Nutmeg
2 Arbutus unedo, Strawberry Tree	1 Podocarpus, Yew Pine	3 Tsuga, Hemlock
1 Cedrus, Cedar	2 Picea, Spruce	2 Umbellularia californica, Cal. Bay (DT)
3 Cornus, Dogwood		

Groundcovers

Sun

- 2 Cerastium tomentosum, Snow in Summ
- 3 Ceratostigma
- 2 Duchesnea, Indian Mock Strawberry
- 2 Fragaria, Ornamental Strawberry
- 1 Hypericum, Creeping St. John's Wort
- 1 Lantana montevidensis (Purple)
- 2 Osteospermum fruticosum, African Dais
- 1 Phlox subulata, Creeping Phlox
- 1 Thymus, Thyme
- 1 Vinca major, Periwinkle

Shade

- 2 Ajuga, Carpet Bugle
- 3 Ceratostigma
- 2 Duchesnea, Indian Mock Strawberry
- 2 Fragaria, Ornamental Strawberry
- 1 Pratia pedunculata, Blue Star Creeper
- 1 Pachysandra, Japanese Spurge
- 1 Soleirola, Baby Tears
- 1 Thymus, Thyme
- 1 Vinca minor, Dwarf Periwinkle
- 1 Vinca major, Periwinkle

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Annuals

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| 3 Abutilon, Chinese Lantern (shade) | 2 Impatiens |
| 2 Alcea rosea (Hollyhock) | 3 Larkspur (sun or shade) |
| 3 Ageratum, Floss Flower | 3 Molucella laevis (Bells of Ireland) |
| 3 Calendula | 3 Papaver nudicale (Iceland Poppy) |
| 3 Campanula medium, Cup-and-Saucer (shade) | 3 Papaver shoeas (Shirley Poppy) |
| 2 Catharanthus, Madagascar Periwinkle | 3 Pelargonium, Scented Geranium |
| 3 Clarkia | 3 Scabiosa, Pincushion Flower |
| 2 Eschscholzia, Cal. Poppy | 1 Senecio, Dusty Miller |
| 2 Helichrysum bracteatum (Strawflower) | 2 Zinnia |

Vines

- 2 Gelsemium sempervirens, Carolina Jessamine
- 3 Jasminum, Jasmine
- 3 Lonicera, Honeysuckle
- 2 Parthenocissus, Bosty Ivy & Virginia Creeper (shade)
- 1 Solanum jasminoides, Potato Vine
- 2 Trachelospermum, Star/Asiatic Jasmine
- 3 Wisteria

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