

Plants Resistant or Susceptible to Deer Browse

The plants listed here are reported to show some resistance or susceptibility to deer browse. Deer will resist some kinds of plants when there is ample food of their choice. With increased population of deer, there is increasing pressure on their food supply which may become limited. When this happens, deer will eat what is available and some resistant plants on this list may be browsed.

Resistant to Deer Browse

Shrubs

Berberis species (Barberry)
Buxus species (Boxwood)
Chaenomeles species (Flowering Quince)
Clethra alnifolia (Summersweet)
Cotoneaster species (Cotoneaster)
Daphne species (Daphne)
Enkianthus campanulatus (Redvein Enkianthus)
Forsythia species (Forsythia)
Fothergilla species (Fothergilla)
Gaultheria procumbens (Creeping Wintergreen)
Hamamelis species (Witchhazel)
Hibiscus syriacus (Rose-of-Sharon)
Hydrangea species (Hydrangea)
Hypericum species (St. Johnswort)
Ilex species (Holly)
Juniperus species (Juniper)
Kalmia species (Mountain or Sheep Laurel)
Kerria japonica (Japanese Kerria)
Leucothoe fontanesiana (Drooping Leucothoe)
Ligustrum species (Privet)
Philadelphus species (Mockorange)
Pieris species (Andromeda)
Potentilla fruticosa (Bush Cinquefoil)
Rosa rugosa (Rugosa Rose)
Shepherdia argentea (Silver Buffaloberry)

Spiraea species (Spiraea)
Stephanandra incisa (Cutleaf Stephanandra)
Syringa species (Lilac)
Weigela florida (Weigela)

Trees

Abies concolor (White Fir)
Acer saccharinum (Silver Maple)
Acer saccharum (Sugar Maple)
Aesculus species (Horsechestnut, Buckeye)
Cornus florida (Flowering Dogwood)
Cornus kousa (Kousa Dogwood)
Crataegus species (Hawthorn)
Ginkgo biloba (Maidenhair Tree)
Gleditsia triacanthos (Honeylocust)
Larix species (Larch)
Magnolia species (Magnolia)
Picea species (Spruce)
Pinus species (Pine)
Pyrus calleryana (Callery Pear)
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas Fir)
Quercus species (Oak)
Salix species (Willow)
Sassafras albidum (Sassafras)
Thuja plicata (Western Arborvitae)
Tilia species (Linden)
Ulmus species (Elm)

Susceptible to Deer Browse

Abies balsamea (Balsam Fir)
Abies fraseri (Fraser Fir)
Acer platanoides (Norway Maple)
Cercis canadensis (Redbud)
Chamaecyparis species (Falsecypress)
Cornus mas (Cornelian Cherry)
Euonymus species (Burningbush, Spindletree)
Malus species (Apple, Crabapple)

Prunus species (Apricot, Cherry, Peach, Plum)
Rhododendron species (Rhododendron, Azalea)
Sorbus species (Mountainash)
Taxus species (Yew)
Thuja occidentalis (American Arborvitae)