

DEER RESISTANT

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Living in harmony with wildlife is one of the most important aspects in gardening. While some prefer to feed and look after bees, butterflies, and critters, others want to keep them out. Whatever your preference is, we can all agree that there is one critter that will cause extensive damage to many landscapes: the whitetail deer. Whitetail deer are almost impossible to keep away. They have enhanced vision at night and can leap fences with ease which means they will tear up your garden while you are sound asleep. This brings up the million-dollar question: How can you enjoy the fruits of your labor if the deer keep enjoying it first? The answer is easy. Use plants that have deer resistant qualities. Read below to learn which plants have shown a resistance to deer.

Perennials

- Autumn Sage (*Salvia greggii*)
- Lantana (*Lantana horrida*)
- Mexican Oregano (*Poliomintha longifolia*)
- Turks Cap (*Malvaviscus arboreus*)
- Lily of the Nile (*Agapanthus spp.*)
- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Blackfoot Daisy (*Melampodium lecanthum*)
- Indigo Spires (*Salvia spp.*)
- Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea angustifolia*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea filipendulina*)

Annuals & Herbs

- Lavender (*Lavendula spp.*)
- Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*)
- Spearmint (*Menta spicata*)
- Thyme (*Thymus spp.*)
- Savory (*Satureia spp.*)
- Begonia (*Begonia spp.*)
- Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*)
- Cosmos (*Cosmos bipinnatus*)
- Dusty Miller (*Senecio cineraria*)
- Mexican Mint Marigold (*Tagetes spp.*)
- Verbena (*Verbena spp.*)
- Zinnia (*Zinnia spp.*)

Trees & Shrubs

- Abelia (*Abelia spp.*)
- Acuba (*Acuba japonica*)
- Boxwood (*Buxus microphylla*)
- Ceniza / Texas Sage (*Leucophyllum spp.*)
- Dwarf Yaupon (*Ilex vomitoria*)
- Eleagnus (*Eleagnus spp.*)
- Nandina (*Nandina spp.*)
- Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
- Wax Myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*)
- Red Yucca (*Hesperalae parviflora*)
- Sotol (*Dasyilirion spp.*)
- MTN Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*)

Vines & Groundcovers

- Asiatic Jasmine (*Trachelospermum asiaticum*)
- Bugleweed / Ajuga (*Ajuga reptans*)
- Monkey Grass (*Ophiopogon japonica*)
- Santolina (*Santolina spp.*)
- Frog Fruit (*Phyla incisa*)
- Carolina Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)
- Star Jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*)
- Crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata*)

