Deer Tolerant Plants

Plants frequently severely damaged

Abies balsamea…………..……Balsam Fir
Abies fraseri……………..……..Fraser Fir
Acer platanoides…………Norway Maple
Azalea………………………………Azalea
Cercis canadensis……....Eastern Redbud
Chamaecyparis thyoides…..White Cedar
Clematis…………………………..Clematis
Cornus mas………...Cornelian Cherry
Euonymus alatus……Winged Euonymus
Euonymus fortunei………Winter Creeper
Hedera helix…………………English Ivy
Malus…………………….…..All Apples
Prunus…………..All Cherries, All Plums
Rhododendron……………Rhododendron
Rosa…………………………….…..Rose
Sorbus aucuparia…………Mountain Ash
Taxus………………………………..…Yew
Thuja…………………………….Arborvitae

Plants occasionally severely damaged

Abies concolor……………….Concolor Fir
Acer griseum…………..Paperbark Maple
Acer rubrum……………………..Red Maple
Acer saccharinum………….Silver Maple
Acer saccharum…………….Sugar Maple
Aesculus………………….Horsechestnut
Amelanchier…………………Serviceberry
Campsis radicans………..Trumpet Vine
Chaenomeles………….Flowering Quince
Cornus racemosa………..Gray Dogwood
Cotinus………………………..Smokebush
Cotoneaster…………………..Cotoneaster
Cryptomeria japonica…..Japanese Cedar
Forsythia……………………....Forsythia
Hamamelis…………………….Witchhazel
Hibiscus syriacus………..Rose of Sharon
Hydrangea……………………Hydrangea
Ilex crenata……………….Japanese Holly
Ilex meserveae………………………..Holly
Juniperus virginiana…Eastern Redcedar
Larix………………………………….Larch
Lonicera……………………..Honeysuckle
Ligustrum……………………………Privet
Magnolia soulangeana...Saucer Magnolia
Metasequoia…………….Dawn Redwood
Parthenocissus…..……..Virginia Creeper
Philadelphus…………………..Mockorange
Pinus strobus………..Eastern White Pine
Potentilla…………………………Potentilla
Pseudotsuga…………………Douglas Fir
Pyracantha…………………..……Firethorn
Pyrus……………………….…..All Pears
Quercus…………………….………...Oak
Rhus typhina………..…….Staghorn Sumac
Rosa rugosa……………..…..Rugosa Rose

Plants occasionally severely damaged-cont'd

Salix………………..…………...Willow
Spiraea………………….…..……Spirea
Syringa……………………...………Lilac
Tilia americana…………..…….Basswood
Tilia cordata……………….………Linden
Tsuga……………………….…..Hemlock
Viburnum……………….……..Viburnum
Weigela……………….……...Weigela

Plants seldom severely damaged

Betula pendula………….Weeping White Birch
Celastrus scandens..American Bittersweet
Cornus sericea………Red Osier Dogwood
Cornus florida………Flowering Dogwood
Cornus kousa…………….Kousa Dogwood
Crataegus……………..………Hawthorn
Enkianthus……………..……….Enkianthus
Fagus…………………………….…...Beech
Gleditsia……………….……..Honeylocust
Ilex glabra…………………………..Inkberry
Juniperus chinensis*………Chinese Juniper
Kalmia……………..……..Mountain Laurel
Kolkwitzia……………………….Beautybush
Picea abies………………..…..Norway Spruce
Picea glauca………………….White Spruce
Pinus nigra……………..…….Austrian Pine
Pinus mugo……………….……....Mugo Pine
Pinus resinosa……………….……..Red Pine
Pinus sylvestris……………....……Scotch Pine
Wisteria……………………….…..Wisteria

Plants rarely severely damaged

Berberis………………..……….…Barberry
Betula papyrifera…………….....Paper Birch
Buddleia……………..……….Butterflybush
Buxus………………..……….….Boxwood
Caryopteris…………….…...Blue Mist Spirea
Elaeagnus……………..……..Russian Olive
Leucothoe…………………....….Leucothoe
Picea pungens……...Colorado Blue Spruce
Pieris japonica…………………….…Pieris

Deer Tolerant Plants

(Compiled from lists issued by extension universities)

Annuals and Perennials Often Eaten
Alcea rosea…………………………....…Hollyhocks
Crocus……………………………….......Crocus
Hemerocallis……………………………...Daylily
Hosta……………………………...………Hosta
Impatiens…………………………………Impatiens
Lobelia cardinalis………………...Cardinal Flower
Phlox paniculata…………………….Garden Phlox
Tithonia…………………….…Mexican Sunflower
Tulipa…………………………………….....Tulip

Annuals and Perennials Occasionally Eaten
Achimenes…………………………Orchid Pansy
Endymion………………………….Wood Hyacinth
Geranium…………………….Cranesbill Geranium
Helianthus annuus……………………....Sunflower
Iris…………………………………………Iris
Paeonia……………………………….....Peony
Rudbeckia………………………Black-eyed Susan
Sedum…………………………………….Sedum
Thalictrum……………………………....Meadowrue

Annuals and Perennials Rarely Eaten
Achillea*………………………………….Yarrow
Ageratum……………………………..Ageratum
Allium*…………………………….Chives, Onions
Alyssum saxatile………………….....Basket of Gold
Amsonia…………………………………Amsonia
Anemone…………………………....…Anemone
Antirrhinum………………………..Snapdragon
Aquilegia…………………………....Columbine
Artemisia*………………………………Artemisia
Aruncus……………………………Goatsbeard
Asclepias………………………….....Asclepias
Astilbe…………………………………....Astilbe
Baptisia……………………………....False Indigo
Bergenia…………………………………Bergenia
Boltonia………………………………….Boltonia
Buddleia…………………………………Buddleia
Calluna…………………………………Heather
Campanula……………………………Bellflower
Centaurea…………………………....Knapweed
Ceratostigma……………………………Plumbago
Chelone…………………………….Turtlehead
Chrysanthemum…………………………...…..Daisy
Cimicifuga………………………………Bugbane

*these plants may actually chase deer away.

Annuals and Perennials Rarely Eaten
Coreopsis…………………………………Coreopsis
Cryptogamus………………………………….Fern
Dahlia…………………………………….Dahlia
Datura…………………………....…….Datura
Dianthus…………………………..………Dianthus
Dicentra…………………………….Bleeding Heart
Dictamnus……………………………….Gas Plant
Digitalis*…………………………………...Digitalis
Echinacea………………………………Coneflower
Echinops……………………………...Globe Thistle
Erica……………………………...………..Heath
Eupatorium…………………………Joe Pye Weed
Euphorbia…………………………………Spurge
Fern……………………………….Assorted Ferns
Filipendula………………….…..Queen of the Prairie
Fritillaria imperialis……………..Crown Imperial
Galium*…………………………….Sweet Woodruff
Geum……………………………………….Geum
Gypsophila…………………………Baby's Breath
Helleborus……………………………..Hellebore
Iberis………………………………Candytuft
Kirengeshoma……………………Yellow Waxbells
Lavandula*……………………………….Lavender
Liatris…………………………………Gayfeather
Lillium……………………………………….Lily
Limonium………………………………...Statice
Linum………………………....…..Perennial Blue Flax
Lobelia……………………………....Edging Lobelia
Lobularia………………………Sweet Alyssum
Lupinus…………………………..………....Lupine
Mentha…………………………………..…Mint
Monarda*………………………………Beebalm
Myosotis…………………………..Forget Me Not
Narcissus……………………………….Daffodil
Nepeta…………………………………….Catmint
Ocimum………………………………..……..Basil
Oenothera……………………………… Sundrops
Origanum*……………………………....Oregano
Papaver…………………………………..Poppy
Pelargonium…………………………....Geranium
Perovskia*…………………………….Russian Sage
Platycodon………………………….Balloon Flower
Polemonium…………………………Jacob's Ladder
Primula……………………………....Primrose
Pulmonaria………………………………Lungwort
Ranunculus……………………………….Buttercup
Rosmarinus………………………………Rosemary
Salvia*…………………………………..……Salvia
Saponaria………………………………Soapwort
Scilla……………………………………….Scilla
Stachys……………………………....Lamb's Ear
Tanacetum…………………………………Tansy
Thymus……………………………………Thyme
Verbascum………………………………Mullein
Veronica……………………………….Speedwell
Vinca……………………………………...Periwinkle
Yucca………………………………………..Yucca