



EMERALD DESERT NURSERY

DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

Got Deer?

There is no surefire way to rid your garden from deer having a buffet with your plants. Deer resistant only means that it won't be the first thing they go to for food. Deer can just as easily kill a plant by rubbing on it.

Least susceptible to deer damage:

Trees:

- Juniper
- Blue Spruce
- European White Birch
- Japanese Flowering Cherry
- Blue Spruce
- White Spruce

Shrubs:

- American Holly
- Barberry
- Boxwood
- Dogwood
- Forsythia
- Japanese Pieris
- Mugo Pine

Perennials:

- Achillea (Yarrow)
- Coreopsis
- Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)
- Lavender
- Nepeta
- Russian Sage
- Salvia

Deer are creatures of habit; prior movement patterns and foraging experience can help predict where damage can occur. New plantings added to an existing landscape already severely damaged by deer will likely suffer extreme browsing pressure. Only physical protection such as exclusion techniques can reduce or prevent deer antler rub damage to trees and shrubs.

Most susceptible to deer damage:

Trees:

- Arborvitae
- Eastern Redbud
- Malus (Apple)
- Prunus (Cherry, Plum)

Shrubs:

- Euonymus
- Hemlock
- Hybrid tea rose
- Hydrangea
- Smokebush
- Viburnum
- Yew
- Rhododendron
- Azalea

Perennials:

- Clematis
- English Ivy
- Strawberries
- Trumpet Creeper
- Virginia Creeper