Deer and Your Garden (Woody Plants)

Most people don't mind seeing deer; but once deer start munching on your prize roses, your attitude may change. You might choose to ignore their ravenous appetites and accept their presence. On the other hand you may want to do something about them. But what?

Repellents are available in many forms: soaps, urines, human hair, blood meal, and commercial sprays have all been used with varying degrees of success. Some work on some deer but not on others, you'll have to test to see what works for you. Fencing is the only sure way to protect yourself. Solid or wire fences 6-8 feet tall are necessary. Deer jump very high, and will crawl under and leap through gaps in fences - design and maintenance are critical.

Planting "deer resistant" plants - shrubs or trees that aren't as tasty to the animals - is a good option. One thing you must remember, however, is that different deer will eat different plants, and a starving deer will eat almost anything when its favorite browse is not available.

Here is a list of plants that should be fairly deer-proof most of the time.

THE PLANTS LISTED BELOW ARE SUGGESTIONS FOR DEER RESISTANT PLANTS. WE CANNOT PROMISE THAT YOUR DEER WON'T FIND THEM TASTY AND MUNCH ON THEM, SO TEST AND SEE WHAT WORKS FOR YOU!

TREES SHRUBS

LATIN:

Abies sp. Acer circinatum

Albizia sp. Araucaria sp.

Cedrus sp. Cercis occidentalis

Cupressus Ginkgo biloba Juglans sp.

Liquidamber styraciflua Sweet Gum

Magnolia sp. Picea sp. Pinus sp.

Pseudostuga menzesii

Rhus sp.

Robinia pseudoacacia Sequoiadendron sp. Sorbus aucuparia

Thuja plicata

COMMON NAME:

True Fir Vine Maple Silk Tree

Monkey Puzzle Tree

True Cedars Western Redbud

Cypress Ginkgo Tree

Walnut Magnolia

Spruce Pine

Douglas Fir

Sumac

Black Locust Giant Seguoia European Mt. Ash

Western Red Cedar

LATIN: Abelia

Arbutus unedo

Aronia Bamboo sp. Berberis sp. Buddleia sp

Buxus sp. Ceonothus

Choisya ternata Cistus carboriensis

Cotinus coggygria Cotoneaster Daphne sp. Elaeagnus Escallonia Fatsia Gaultheria

Ilex sp. Juniperus sp. Kerria japonica

Mahonia sp.

Myrica californica Nandina domestica

Pieris Potentilla sp. Pyracantha

Rhododendron sp.

Ribes sp. Sarcococcca Spiraea

Vaccinium ovatum

COMMON NAME:

Abelia

Strawberry Tree

Chokeberry Bamboo Barberry

Butterfly Bush

Boxwood

California Lilac Mexican Orange

Rockrose Smoke Bush Cotoneaster Daphne Silverberry Escallonia Fatsia Salal Holly

Juniper Japanese Kerria

Mahonia

California Wax Myrtle Heavenly Bamboo

Pieris Potentilla Firethorn

Rhodies - not Azaleas!

Currant Sweetbox Spiraea

Evergreen Huckleberry

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GROUND COVERS

Latin Name:

Ajuga Arabis Catmint

Ceratostigma

Creeping Junipers Creeping Myrtle Fragaria chiloensis Galium odoratum

Lily of the Valley Spotted Dead Nettle

Pachysandra terminalis Vinca Virginia Creeper Yellow Alyssum

Common Name:

Ajuga reptans

Carpet bugle Rockcress

Nepeta

Dwarf plumbago Juniperus horizontalis

Vinca minor

Beach strawberry Sweet

woodruff

Convallaria majalis Lamium maculatum

Periwinkle

Japanese spruge **VINES**

Parthenocissus quinquefolia Aurinia saxatilis

Latin Name: Jasmine Wisteria

Common Name: Jasminum Wisteria