

DEER RESISTANT PLANTS **WELL-ADAPTED TO CENTRAL TEXAS**

THREE TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR LANDSCAPE MORE DEER RESISTANT:

1. Surround newly planted trees and shrubs with a cage of wire fencing until they become established.
 2. Liquid Fence deer repellent may be sprayed on plants to form a protective coating on the leaves. It must be reapplied after rain and/or heavy irrigation.
 3. Animals mark their territories by urinating around borders of their area. You can “mark” your own garden to help repel deer and rabbits. Urine is sterile, unless an infection is present, and is a good source of nitrogen. Vegetarians will not have the same results as carnivores with this method. A late night visit to “mark” the garden may do the trick for you too!
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GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Loss of habitat and other environmental stress can result in almost any plant being eaten by deer. Moreover, deer tastes vary widely. This list ranks each plant for **deer resistance** using the numbers in parentheses at the end of the listing. **NO PLANT IS DEER PROOF.**

1 = Not Preferred.

2 = Deer eat flowers.

3 = Deer sometimes eat.

Please be aware that a plant's resistance depends on the deer in your area and how aggressive they are. Talk to neighbors and see what plants have proven to be deer resistant in their gardens. Damage from bucks scrapping their antlers can be quite destructive as well. An eight-foot deer fence is the best defense against deer.

ANNUALS

- Bluebonnet - *Lupinus texensis* (1)
- Calendula - *Calendula spp.* (3)
- Cyclamen - *Cyclamen spp.* (2)
- Larkspur - *Consolida spp.* (3)
- Marigold - *Tagetes spp.* (3)
- Periwinkle - *Vinca rosea* (3)
- Poppy - *Papaver spp.* (2)
- Snapdragon - *Antirrhinum spp.* (3)
- Zinnia - *Zinnia spp.* (3)

BULBS

- Caladium - *Caladium spp.* (3)
- Daffodils - *Narcissus spp.* (1)
- Iris - *Iris spp.* (1)
- Snowdrop - *Galantus spp.* (1)

GRASSES

- Bamboo - *Bambusa multiplex* (3)
- Big Muhly - *Muhlenbergia lindheimerii* (1)
- Fescue - *Festuca spp.* (3)
- Little Bluestem - *Schizachrium scoparium* (1)
- Purple Fountain Grass - *Pennisetum setaceum* (1)
- Seep Muhly - *Muhlenbergia reverchonii* (1)

NOTE: Most herbs are at least somewhat deer resistant. The more aromatic the plant, the more resistant the plant.

HERBS

- Aloe - *Aloe spp.* (2)
- Artemisia - *Artemisia spp.* (3)
- Lavender - *Lavendula spp.* (3)
- Mexican Mint Marigold - *Tagetes lucida* (3)
- Mexican Oregano - *Poliomintha longiflora* (1)
- Oregano - *Oreganum spp.* (1)
- Rosemary - *Rosmarinus officinalis* (1)
- Sage - *Salvia officinalis* (1)
- Thyme - *Thymus spp.* (1)
- Yarrow - *Achillea spp.* (3)

PERENNIALS

- Agave - *Agave spp.* (1)
- Artichoke - *Cynara spp.* (3)
- Aster - *Aster spp.* (3)
- Autum Sage - *Salvia greggii* (3)
- Bee Balm - *Monarda spp.* (3)
- Black-eyed Susan - *Rudbeckia hirta* (3)
- Blackfoot Daisy - *Melampodium leucanthum* (3)
- Butterfly Weed - *Asclepias tuberosa* (3)
- Cast Iron Plant - *Aspidistra spp.* (3)
- Columbine - *Aquilegia canadensis* (3)
- Coneflower - *Echinacea spp.* (3)
- Copper Canyon Daisy - *Tagetes lemonii* (3)
- Coreopsis - *Coreopsis spp.* (2)
- Damianita - *Chrysactinia mexicana* (1)
- Dusty Miller - *Centaurea cineraria* (2)
- Foxglove - *Digitalis spp.* (2)
- Gayfeather - *Liatris spp.* (2)
- Lamb's Ear - *Stachys byzantina* (1)
- Lantana - *Lantana urticoides* (1)
- Lily of the Nile - *Agapanthus spp.* (1)
- Mexican Bush Sage - *Salvia leucantha* (1)
- Mexican Petunia - *Ruellia spp.* (3)

PERENNIALS (cont.)

Mistflower - *Eupatorium spp.* (1)
Oxalis - *Oxalis spp.* (3)
Oxeye Daisy - *Chrysanthemum leucanthum* (1)
Penstemon - *Penstemon spp.* (3)
Red Yucca - *Hesperaloe parvifolia* (2)
Rock Rose - *Pavonia spp.* (3)
Roses - *Rosa spp.* (3)
Russian Sage - *Perovskia atriplicifolia* (1)
Santolina - *Santolina spp.* (1)
Spiderwort - *Tradescantia spp.* (3)
Tropical Sage - *Salvia coccinea* (2)
Turks Cap - *Malvaviscus arboreus* (3)
Verbena - *Verbena spp.* (3)
Wood Fern - *Thelypteris kunthii* (1)
Yucca - *Yucca spp.* (2)
Zexmenia - *Wedelia hispida* (1)

SHRUBS

Abelia - *Abelia spp.* (3)
Agarita - *Berberis trifoliolata* (1)
Barberry - *Berberis spp.* (1)
Bear Grass - *Nolina spp.* (1)
Beautyberry - *Callicarpa americana* (1)
Buckeye - *Aesculus pavia* (3)
Butterfly Bush - *Buddleja spp.* (3)
Cassia - *Cassia spp.* (3)
Prickly Pear - *Opuntia spp.* (1)
Cotoneaster - *Cotoneaster spp.* (3)
Holly, Chinese - *Ilex cornuta* (1)
Eleagnus - *Eleagnus spp.* (3)
Germander - *Teucrium fruticans* (3)
Junipers - *Juniperus spp.* (1)
Kidneywood - *Eysenhardtia texana* (3)
Nandina - *Nandina domestica* (3)
Sago Palm - *Cycas revoluta* (1)
St. John's Wort - *Hypericum spp.* (3)
Sotol - *Dasylyrion spp.* (2)
Spirea - *Spirea spp.* (3)
Sumac - *Rhus spp.* (1)
Texas Sage - *Leucophyllum frutescens* (1)
Viburnum - *Viburnum spp.* (1)
Wax Myrtle - *Myrica cerifera* (1)
Yaupon - *Ilex vomitoria* (1)
Yew Pine - *Podocarpus macrophyllus* (3)

TREES

Acacia - *Acacia spp.* (3)
Anacacho Orchid - *Bauhinia lunarioides* (3)
Ash - *Fraxinus spp.* (3)
Bald Cypress - *Taxodium distichum* (3)
Big Tooth Maple - *Acer grandidentatum* (3)
Bois d'Arc - *Maclura pomifera* (3)
Cedar Elm - *Ulmus crassifolia* (3)
Cherry Laurel - *Prunus caroliniana* (3)
Crepe Myrtle - *Lagerstromeria spp.* (3)
Deodora Cedar - *Cedrus deodora* (3)
Lacebark Elm - *Ulmus parvifolia* (3)
Fig - *Ficus carica* (3)
Junipers - *Juniperus spp.* (3)
Mesquite - *Prosopis glandulosa* (1)
Mexican Plum - *Prunus mexicana* (3)
Mountain Laurel - *Sophora secundiflora* (3)
Oaks - *Quercus spp.* (3)
Palm - *Sabal spp.* (1)
Pecan - *Carya illinoensis* (3)
Pine - *Pinus spp.* (3)
Possum Haw - *Ilex decidua* (3)
Redbud - *Cercis spp.* (3)
Retama - *Parkinsonia aculeata* (3)
Smoke Tree - *Cotinus obovatus* (3)
Texas Persimmon - *Diospyros texana* (1)
Walnut - *Juglans spp.* (3)

VINES & GROUNDCOVERS

Asiatic Jasmine - *Trachelospermum asiaticum* (1)
Carolina Jessamine - *Gelsemium sempervirens* (3)
Clematis - *Clematis spp.* (3)
Star Jasmine - *Trachelospermum jasminoides* (3)
Cross Vine - *Bignonia capreolata* (1)
English & Algerian Ivy - *Hedera spp.* (1)
Fig Ivy - *Ficus pumila* (3)
Honeysuckle - *Lonicera spp.* (3)
Liriope - *Liriope spp.* (3)
Monkey Grass - *Ophiopogon spp.* (3)
Vinca - *Vinca major, V. minor* (3)
Virginia Creeper - *Parthenocissus quinquefolia* (3)
Texas Wisteria - *Wisteria frutescens* (3)