

DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

Keep in mind that these are deer RESISTANT plants.

Few plants are truly deer-proof because of their nitrogen levels in various tissues, but many are undesirable enough to deer that they will leave them alone as long as other food is available.

During droughts and other food-shortage situations, deer can become hungrier and may eat plants they would normally avoid. With this in mind, here are some plants that you could try:

Trees*

Allepo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*)
Anacacho Orchid Tree (*Bauhinia*)
Arizona Cypress (*Cupressus arizonica*)
Austrian Pine (*Pinus nigra dalmatica*) Also Black Pine
Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
Bigtooth Maple (*Acer grandidentatum*)
Chaste Tree (*Vitex agnus-castus*) also Beech Vitex
Cedar Elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*)
Cherry Laurel (*Prunus laurocerasus*)
Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*)
Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis*)
Fig (*Ficus* spp.)
Flameleaf Sumac (*Rhus lanceolata*)
Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)
Golden Ball Lead Tree (*Leucana retusa*)
Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*)
Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora* and others)
Mexican Buckeye (*Ungnadia speciosa*)
Mexican Olive (*Cordia boissieri*)
Mexican Palo Verde (*Parkinsonia aculeata*)
Mexican Plum (*Prunus mexicana*)
Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*)
Olive Tree (*Olea europaea*)
Palms (almost all of them)
Purple Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera*)
Redbud (*Cercis canadensis* var. *mexicana* or *texensis*)
Roughleaf Dogwood (*Cornus drummondii*)
Texas Buckeye (*Acsculus arguta*)
Texas Persimmon (*Diospyrus* spp.)
Texas Pistache (*Pistacia texensis*)

**large trees require protection with cages until they grow taller than a deer standing on their hind legs. Also keep in mind that many varieties of small trees, although deer resistant, will suffer serious damage from bucks removing velvet from antlers along trunk and branches.*

Shrubs

Abelia (*Abelia* spp.)
Acuba (*Acuba japonica*)
Agarita (*Mahonia trifoliolata*)
American Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)
Autumn Sage (*Salvia greggi*)
Azalea (*Rhododendron*)
Bamboo (some varieties)
Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
Blackberry (*Rubus* spp.) (thorny only)
Boxwood (*Buxus microphylla*)
Barberry-Rose Glow, Cr. Pygmy (*Berberis thunbergii*)
Black Bamboo (*Phyllostachys nigra*)
Bottlebrush (*Callistemon citrinus*)
Boxwood, Japanese (*Buxus japonica*)
Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia*)
Buckthorn, Carolina (*Rhamnus caroliniana*)
Bush Germander (*Teucrium fruiticans*) including Gray
Cenizo/Texas Sage (*Leucophyllum* spp.) All....
Chinese Fringeflower (*Loropetalum* spp.)
Coralberry Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster dammeri*)
Cotoneaster, Gray (*Cotoneaster glaucophyllus*)
Dwarf Chinese Holly (*Ilex cornuta*)
Dwarf Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria nana*)
Eleagnus (*Eleagnus* spp.)
Esperanza (*Tecoma stans*)
Evergreen sumac (*Rhus virens*)
Fragrant Mimosa (*Mimosa borealis*)
Flowering Quince (*Chaenomeles speciosa*)
Flowering Senna (*Cassia corymbosa*)
Gardenia spp.
Japanese Aralia (*Fatsia japonica*)
Japanese Yew (*Podocarpus macrophyllus*)
Juniper (*Juniperus* spp.)
Mahonia, Leatherleaf (*Mahia* spp.) & others
Mexican Silktassle (*Garrya lindheimeri*)
Mexican Bird of Paradise (*Caesalpinia gillesii*)
Nandina (*Nandina* spp.) all
Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
Oregon Grape Holly (*Mahonia aquifolium*)
Palms, Bush types (almost all of them)
Pineapple Guava (*Feijoa sellowiana*)
Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*)
Pride of Barbados (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*)
Primrose Jasmine (*Jasminum mesnyi*)
Pyracantha (*Pyracantha coccinea*)
Sago Palm (*Cycas revoluta*)
Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)
Southern Wax myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*) also Dwarf
Split Leaf Philodendron (*P. selloum*) Hope & Xanadu
St. John's Wort (*Hypericum* spp.)
Sumac, Evergreen (*Rhus virens*)

Sumac, Flame (*Rhus*)
True Greek Myrtle (*Myrtus communis*)
Viburnum (*Viburnum* spp.)
Viburnum, Rusty Blackhaw (*Viburnum rufidulum*)
Woolly Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia marrubiiifolia*)
Yaupon Holly –Reg. and Dwarf (*Ilex vomitoria*)

Cacti and Succulents

Agave parryi, most Agave species (eat flowers)
Aloes
Cactus (*Opuntia* spp.) any with stout spines
Hen and Chicks (*Sempervivum* spp.) Spiney varieties
Prickly Pear Cactus (*Opuntia compressa*)
Red Yucca (*Hesperaloe parviflora*)
Soft Leaf Yucca (*Yucca recurvifolia*)
Texas Sotol (*Dasyliirion* spp.)
Yucca (*Yucca* spp.) Flowers eaten

Vines

Carolina Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)
Chinese Wisteria (*Wisteria sinensis*)
Cross Vine (*Bignonia capreolata*)
Fig Ivy (*Ficus repens*)
Honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.)
Potato Vine (*Solanum jasminoides*)
Star or Confederate Jasmine (*Trachelospermum*)
Sweet Autumn Clematis (*Clematis discolorifolia*)
Texas Wisteria (*Wisteria macrostacha*)

Groundcovers

Aarons Beard (*Hypericum calycinum*)
Asiatic Jasmine (*Trachelospermum asiaticum*)
Carpet Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*)
Frog Fruit (*Phyla incise*)
Germander (*Teucrium chamaedrys*)
Liriope (*Liriope muscari* varieties)
Mondo Grass or Lilyturf (*Ophiopogon japonica*)
Pigeonberry (*Rivina humilis*)
Pink Skullcap (*Scutellaria suffrutescens*)
Santolina (*Santolina* spp.)
Stonecrop (*Sedum*, most widely available varieties)
Strawberry Begonia (*Saxifraga lamium*)
Thymes (*Thymus* spp.)
Vinca (*Vinca major* & *V. minor*)
Wedelia (*Wedelia trilobata*)
Woolly Stemodia (*Stemodia*)
Zoysia hybrids (*Zoysia* spp.) Med. Broad and fine leafed

Ferns and Perennials (Some are reseeding biennials)

Agastache (*Agastache* spp.)
African Iris (*Dietes* spp.)
Amaryllis (*Hippeastrum x Johnsonii*)
Artemesia – Powis Castle, Silver King, others
Angel's Trumpet (*Datura* & *Brugmansia* spp.)
Asparagus Fern (*Asparagus sprengerii*)

Autumn Sage (*Salvia greggii*)
Aztec Lily (*Sprekelia formosissima*)
Balloon Flower (*Platycodon*)
Bear's Breech (*Acanthus mollis*)
Bearded Iris (*Iris* spp.)
Beebalm (*Monarda didyma*)
Blackberry Lily (*Belamcanda chinensis*)
Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
Blackfoot Daisy (*Melampodium lecanthum*)
Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia grandiflora*)
Blue Mist (*Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Dark Knight')
Bulbine, Orange and Yellow
Butterfly Weed (*Aesclepias curassavica* & *tuberosa*)
Butter and Eggs Toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*)
California Poppy (*Eschscholzia cali*)
Cape Mallow (*Anisodentea* spp.)
Candy Lilly (*Belamcanda chinensis*)
Calla Lily (*Zantedeschia*)
Candytuft (*Iberis sempervirens*)
Cape Honeysuckle (*Tecomaria capensis*)
Candlestick Cassia (*Cassia alata*)
Cast-Iron Plant (*Aspidistra elatior*) & Milky Way
Chile Pequin
Cedar Sage (*Salvia roemeriana*)
Chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum* spp.) flowers?
Coleus (*Solenostemon scutellarioides*)
Columbine (*Aquilegia* spp.)
Coneflower (*Echinacea angustifolia*)
Copper Canyon Daisy (*Tagetes lemonii*)
Coral Bells (*Heuchera*)
Coreopsis (*Coreopsis hybrids* & spp.)
Daffodil (*Narcissus*)
Daisy Bush (*Euryops*)
Dalea
Damianita (*Chrysactinia mexicana*)
Daylily (*Hemerocallis*)
Dusty Miller (*Senecio cineraria*)
Dwarf Plumbago (*Ceratostigma*)
Elephant Ears (*Alocasia* spp./*Calocasia* spp.)
Euphorbia spp. (*Gopher Plants*)
Fall Aster, Texas (*Aster oblongifolius*)
Firebush (*Hamelia patens*) flowers eaten
Flame Acanthus (*Anisacanthus wrightii*)
Fleabane or Santa Barbara Daisy (*Erigeron*)
Flowering Maple (*Abutilon* spp.)
Freesia
Four-Nerve Daisy (*Hymenoxys*)
Foxglove (*Digitalis* spp.)
Garlic Chives (*Allium tuberosum*)
Gayfeather (*Liatris spicata*)
Gazania (*Gazania rigens*)
Gingers (*Alpinia* spp.) most all varieties

Indian Blanket (*Gallardia pulchella*)
 Holly Fern (*Cyrtomium falicatum*)
 Hummingbird Bush (*Anisacanthus* spp.) flowers some.
 Hyssop (*Agastache*)
 Indigo Spires (*Salvia* 'Indigo Spires)
 Iris (*Iris* spp.)
 Jerusalem Cherry (*Solanum pseudocapsicum*)
 Jerusalem Sage (*Phlomis fruticosa*)
 Lantana (*Lantana* spp.) Varies by deer herd
 Lavender, English (*Lavandula angustifolia*)
 Lily of the Nile (*Agapanthus* spp.)
 Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantina*)
 Lion's Tail (*Leonotis*)
 Larkspurs (*Delphinium consolida*)
 Mallow Hibiscus (*Hibiscus moscheutos*)
 Marguerite (*Chrysanthemum frutescens*)
 Mealy Blue Sage (*Salvia farinacea*) & hybrids
 Mexican Bush Sage (*Salvia leucanthia*)
 Mexican Honeysuckle (*Justica* spp.)
 Mexican Mint Marigold (*Tagetes* spp.)
 Mexican Oregano (*Poliomintha longifolia*)
 Mirror plant (*Coprosma repens*)
 Mist Flowers (*Eupatorium* spp.)
 Montbretia (*Crocsmia*)
 Naked Lady or Jersey Lily (*Amaryllis belladonna*)
 Obedient Plant, Fall (*Physotegia virginiana*)
 Oxeye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)
 Penstemon (*Penstemon* spp.)
 Plumbago (*Plumbago auriculata*)
 Pride of Barbados (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*)
 Purple Cone Flower (*Echinacea angustifolia*)
 Red Hot Poker (*Kniphofia uvaria*)
 Rock Rose (*Pavonia hastata*)
 Rosemary (*Rosemarianus officinalis*)
 Russian Sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*)
 Salvias (most all known varieties)
 Santolina (Green & Gray)
 Savory (*Satureia* spp.)
 Silk Oak (*Grevellia*)
 Shasta Daisy (*Chrysanthemum superbum*)
 Society Garlic (*Tulbaghia fragrens*)
 Southern Shield Fern (*Dryopteris ludoviciana*)
 Southern Wood or River Fern (*Thelypteris normalis*)
 Speedwell (*Veronica spicata*)
 Spider Flowers (*Cleome hasslerana*)
 Sundrops (*Calylophus berlandieri*)
 Summer Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*) Fannick's, R. Poore etc.
 Sword Fern (*Nephrolepis* spp.)
 Texas Betony (*Stachys coccinea*)
 Thryallis Golden Showers (*Galphimia glauca*)
 Tropical Sage (*Salvia coccinea*)
 Turks Cap (*Malvaviscus arboreus*)
 Verbena (*Verbena* spp.)
 Wallflower (*Erysimum cheiri*)
 Whirling Butterflies (*Guara lindheimerii*)
 Woolly Ironweed (*Veronica lindheimeri*)
 Wormwood (*Artemisia schmidtiana*)
 Yarrow (*Achillea filipendulina*)
 Yellow Bells Esperanza (*Tecoma stans*) all varieties
 Zexmenia (*Zexmenia hispida*)
Annuals (Some are reseeding biennials)
 Ageratum Floss Flower (*Ageratum* spp.)
 Allysum, Sweet (*Alyssum* spp.)
 Begonia, Waxleaf (*Begonia* spp.)
 Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*)
 Caladiums (*Caladium* spp.)
 Cosmos (*Cosmos bipinnatus*)
 Cyclamen
 Dahlberg Daisy (*Dyssodia tenuiloba*)
 Fan Flower (*Scaevola* spp.)
 Larkspurs (*Delphinium consolida*)
 Marigolds (*Tagetes* spp.)
 Moss Verbenas (*Verbena pulchella gracilior*)
 Nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*)
 Periwinkle or Vinca (*Catharanthus roseus*)
 Verbena (Homestead, Sandpaper & Taipen, best varieties
 Zinnia (*Zinnia* spp.)
Herbs
 Basils
 Borage
 Catmint
 Catnip
 Chives (3 types)
 Culinary Sages (*Salvia* spp.)
 Dill
 Dusty Miller (*Centaurea cineraria*)
 Fennel, Bronze
 Feverfew
 Hoja Santa (*Piper auritum*)
 Lavender, English (*Lavandula angustifolia*)
 Lemon Balm
 Lemon Grass
 Lemon Verbena
 Mexican Mint Marigold (*Tagetes* spp.)
 Oreganos
 Rosemary (*Rosemarianus officinalis*)
 Spearmint (*Menta spicata*)
 Sweet Marjoram
 Sweet Woodruff
 Thyme
Grasses
 Bamboo Muhly (*Muhlenbergia dumosa*)
 Blue Oat Grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*)
 Blue Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium*)

Grasses cont'd

Blue Fescue (*Glauca*)

Bear Grass/ Hill Country Nolina (*Nolina spp.*)

Japanese Silver Grass (*Miscantussinensis gracillimus*)

Horsetail Rush (*Equisetum hyemale*)

Inland Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)

Lindheimer's Muhley (*Muhlenbergia lindeimeri*)

Maiden Grass (*Miscantus sinensis*)

Mexican Feather Grass (*Stipa tenuissima*)

Fountain Grasses (*Pennisetum spp.*)

Gulf Muhley (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)

Japanese Blood Grass (*Imperatacylindrica Red Baron*)

Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia selloana*)

Purple Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*)

Sacahuista/Bunchgrass (*Nolina texana*)

Sedges (*Carex spp.*)

Umbrella Grass (*Cyperus spp.*)

Most all true ornamental grasses

Many of the listed plant species were found to be deer resistant from Rainbow Gardens associates personal experiences, customer experiences and other first-hand account resources from over 45+ years helping the gardening public in many parts of Texas. SAWS, Texas A&M Agrilife and Central Texas gardening deer resistant plant list were also carefully incorporated into this comprehensive list. A huge number a native species had been omitted mainly because of their limited or complete lack of availability to the nursery trade for our customers to purchase and grow, but can be found listed in the multiple informational links below. Be sure and cross-reference this plant list to our Xeriscape Plant List and our Shady Yard Plant List! ***Thanks, from your friends at Rainbow Gardens !!!***

Additional on topic Resource Links

<http://www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=deer>

<http://hillcountryhome.com/docs/deer-resistant.pdf>

<http://austinnativelandscaping.com/xeriscape-texas-native-plants-for-drought-toleran-landscaping-in-austin-texas/>

http://www.npsot.org/Kerrville/native_plants_for_landscaping.htm

https://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Watershed/growgreen/deer_resistant_s.pdf

<http://www.zilker garden.org/gardens/tips/tipsbambi.html>



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