

## DEER-RESISTANT PLANTS FOR INLAND NORTHWEST GARDENERS

Deer can be very destructive browsers in domestic gardens. Their year-round diet consists of leaves, stems and buds of native woody plants, but they eagerly sample new species. Vegetable and fruit trees are readily devoured; roses are a special treat.

As your first line of defense against deer marauders, choose plants from the following list. These species have been reported as unpalatable to deer by various wildlife information sources.

A shortage of natural food sources will, of course, cause increased domestic browsing. During extreme shortages even normally unpalatable plants may be eaten.

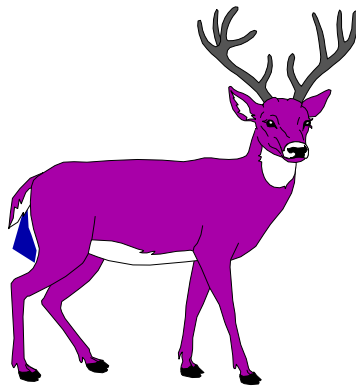
Scent and taste repellents, as well as scare tactics using noises and lights may help deter deer. These deterrents and several designs of deer fencing are described in the book “*Bugs, Slugs and Other Thugs*” by Rhonda Massingham Hart, a local author.

### Trees

*Abies* (fir)  
*Cedrus* (cedar)  
*Cotinus coggygria* (smoke tree)  
*Picea* (spruce)  
*Pinus* (pine)  
*Robinia pseudoacacia* (black locust)

### Shrubs and Ground Covers

*Artemisia tridentata* (sagebrush)  
*Buddleia davidii* (butterfly bush)  
*Buxus spp.* (boxwood)  
*Calycanthus occidentalis* (western spice brush)  
*Cornus spp.* (dogwood)  
*Corylus spp.* (hazelnut/filbert)  
*Cytisus scoparius* (Scotch broom)  
*Daphne spp.*  
*Ferns*  
*Hedera helix* (English ivy)  
*Hypericum* (St. Johnswort/Aarib's beard)  
*Ilex spp.* (holly, with thorns)  
*Juniperus* (juniper)  
*Kerria japonica*  
*Mahonia* (Oregon grape)  
*Oxalis*  
*Rhododendron* (but not azaleas)  
*Sambucus racemosa* (red elderberry)  
*Teucrium* (germander)



### Annuals and Perennials

*Achillea spp.* (yarrow)  
*Agertum*  
*Aquilegia spp.* (columbine)  
*Arundo donex* (giant reed)  
*Cactus*  
*Calendula*  
*Campunula medium* (Canterbury bell)  
*Chives*  
*Chrysanthemum frutescens* (marguerite)  
*Clematis spp.*  
*Coreopsis spp.*  
*Delphinium spp.* (larkspur)  
*Dicentra* (bleeding heart)  
*Digitalis* (foxglove)  
*Helleborus spp.*  
*Hemerocallis spp.* (daylily)  
*Lavandula spice* (English lavender)  
*Leucojum spp.* (snowflake)  
*Lupinus spp.* (lupine)  
*Mentha piperita* (peppermint)  
*Mentha spicata* (spearmint)  
*Paeonia spp.* (peony)  
*Papaver spp.* (poppy)  
*Ricinus* (castor bean)  
*Rosmarinus* (rosemary)  
*Rudbeckia hirta* (gloriosa daisy)  
*Trillium spp.*  
*Yucca*  
*Zantedeschia spp.* (calla lily)  
*Zinnia*