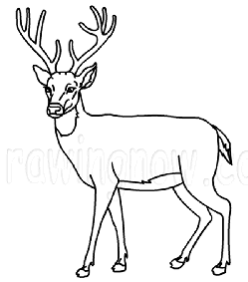


DEER- RESISTANT NATIVE PLANTS



Living with Deer

Damage to landscape plants tends to increase along with the growing population of white-tailed deer in rural and suburban areas of New England. When you choose plants less favored by deer, you can often reduce some of the impact of browsing. However, no plant will resist deer feeding under all conditions. *A hungry deer will almost any plant.*

Protect New Trees and Shrubs

In late winter and early spring deer prefer to feed on young trees and shrubs. Protect newly planted trees and shrubs with sturdy, wire mesh barriers. Where deer browsing is heavy, leave barriers in place until plants are well established and can tolerate browsing.

Plants Less Favored By Deer

TREES

Alder, Common, *Alnus serrulata*
Ash, Green, *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*
Bayberry, Northern, *Morella pensylvanica*
Beech, American *Fagus grandifolia*
Birch, Gray, *Betula populifolia*
Birch, Paper, *Betula papyrifera*
Birch, River, *Betula nigra*
Birch, Sweet, *Betula lenta*
Birch, Yellow *Betula alleghaniensis*
Catalpa, Northern *Catalpa speciosa*
Cedar, Atlantic White *Chamaecyparis thyoides*
Hemlock, Eastern, *Tsuga canadensis*
Eastern red cedar, *Juniperus virginiana*
Holly, American, *Ilex opaca*
Honey Locust *Gleditsia triacanthos*
Hop Hornbeam *Ostrya virginiana*
Maple, Silver, *Acer saccharinum*
Pine, White, *Pinus strobus*
Pine, Pitch *Pinus rigida*
Pine, Red *Pinus resinosa*
Sassafras, Common *Sassafras albidum*
Spruce, White *Picea glauca*
Sycamore, American, *Platanus occidentalis*

Sweetgum *Liquidambar styraciflua*

Tupelo, *Nyssa sylvatica*

Hawthorn, Washington, *Crataegus phaenopyrum*

SHRUBS

Barberry, Red *Mahonia haematocarpa*

Bayberry *Myrica spp.*

Beautybush *Kolkwitzia amabilis*

Buckeye, Bottlebrush *Aesculus parviflora*

Dogwood, Flowering *Cornus florida*

Dogwood, Gray, *Cornus racemosa*

Dogwood, Red Osier *Cornus sericea*

Holly, American *Ilex opaca*

Holly, Inkberry *Ilex glabra*

Laurel, Mountain *Kalmia latifolia*

Leucothoe, Drooping *Leucothoe fontanesiana*

Witch Hazel *Hamamelis virginiana*.

HERBACEOUS PLANTS

Native Annuals: Larkspur *Delphinium*

×*diversicolor*

Non-native Annuals: ageratum, marigold, nasturtium, snapdragon, sweet alyssum

Native Perennials: bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*), eastern purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)

Non-native Perennials: bleeding heart, daylily 'Stella de Oro', coreopsis 'Moonbeam', foxglove, lavender, lily of the valley, purple fountain grass

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