

DEER-PROOFING YOUR GARDEN

What can a gardener do short of installing an eight foot fence and buying a couple of large, barking dogs? Consider planting these deer-resistant landscape plants. Just remember that in overcrowding and drought conditions, hungry deer will try to eat everything, including most of the ones on this list. (But they won't like them as much as other plants.)

LARGE TREES

All require protection with cages until they grow taller than the deer.

SMALL TREES/LARGE SHRUBS

- Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis*)
- Fig (*Ficus spp.*)
- Flameleaf Sumac (*Rhus lanceolata*)
- Golden Ball Lead Tree (*Leucana retusa*)
- Roughleaf Dogwood (*Comus drummondii*)
- Texas Buckeye (*Aesculus agruta*)
- Texas Persimmon (*Diospyros texana*)
- Texas Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*)

SHRUBS

- Abelia (*Abelia spp.*)
- Acuba (*Acuba japonica*)
- Agarita (*Berberis trifoliata*)
- Autumn Aster (*Aster spp.*)
- Autumn Sage (*Salvia greggii*)
- Blackberry (*Rubus spp.*) (Thorny variety only)
- Boxwood (*Buxus microphylla*)
- Cenizo/Texas Sage (*Leucophyllum spp.*)
- Cotoneaster (Coral Beauty) (*Cotoneaster dammeri*)
- Dwarf Chinese Holly (*Ilex comuta*)
- Dwarf Yaupon (*Ilex vomitoria*)
- Elaeagnus (*Elaeagnus spp.*)
- Evergreen sumac (*Rhus virens*)
- Fragrant Mimosa (*Mimosa borealis*)
- Japanese Aralia (*Aralia sieboldii*)
- Jerusalem Cherry (*Solanum pseudocapsicum*)
- Juniper (*Juniperus spp.*)
- Lantana (*Lantana urticoides*) (Natives only)
- Mexican Buckeye (*Ungnadia speciosa*)
- Mexican Oregano (*Poliomintha longifolia*)
- Mexican Silktassel (*Garrya lindheimeri*)
- Nandina (*Nandina spp.*)
- Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
- Pampas Grass (*Cortaderia spp.*)
- Pyracantha (*Pyracantha coccinea*)
- Red-leaf or Japanese Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)
- Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*)
- Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)
- Turk's Cap (*Malvaviscus arboreus*)
- Wax Myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*)



PERENNIAL SUCCULENTS AND LILIES

- Cactus (*Opuntia spp.*) (Any with stout spines)
- Cast Iron Plant (*Aspidistra lurida*)
- Hen and Chicks (*Sempervivum spp.*) (Spiny varieties)
- Lily-of-the-Nile (*Agapanthus spp.*)
- Red Yucca (*Hesperaloe parviflora*) (flowers will be eaten)
- Sacahuista/Bear Grass/Nolina (*Nolina spp.*)
- Sotol (*Dasyliion spp.*)
- Yucca (*Yucca spp.*)

VINES

- Carolina Jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)
- Star Jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*)

GROUND COVERS

- Aarons Beard (*Hypericum calycinum*)
- Asiatic Jasmine (*Trachelospermum asiaticum*)
- Carpet Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*)
- Monkey Grass (*Ophiopogon japonica*)
- Myrtle (Vinca Major)
- Santolina (*Santolina spp.*)
- Spearmint (*Menta spicata*)

FLOWERS, FERNS, HERBS

- Ageratum (*Ageratum spp.*)
- Begonia (*Begonia spp.*)
- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Blackfoot Daisy (*Melampodium leucanthum*)
- Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*)
- Cedar Sage (*Salvia roemeriana*)
- Chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum spp.*) (Flowers will be eaten)
- Coreopsis (*Coreopsis spp.*)
- Cosmos (*Cosmos bipinnatus*)
- Dusty Miller (*Senecio cineraria*)
- Flame Acanthus (*Aniscanthus wrightii*)
- Foxglove (*Digitalis spp.*)
- Indigo Spires (*Salvia x 'Indigo Spires'*)
- Iris (*Iris spp.*)
- Mealy Blue Sage (*Salvia farinacea*)
- Mexican Bush Sage (*Salvia leucantha*)
- Mexican Mint Marigold (*Tagetes spp.*)
- Periwinkle (*Vinca rosea*)
- Purple Cone Flower (*Echinacea angustifolia*)
- Sword Fern (*Nephrolepis*)
- Verbena (*Verbena spp.*)
- Wood Fern (*Dryopteris spp.*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea filipendulina*)
- Zexmenia (*Zexmenia hispida*)
- Zinnia (*Zinnia spp.*)



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