



Deer browse — untreated Hosta



Deer highways are created by habit. You will need to alter deer paths to protect damaged plants and trees.



Deer-resistant plants



Treated Hosta



Deer rely on their sense of smell to determine what is safe and desirable to eat. A wide variety of strong odors confuse deer. A scent barrier is created by using a variety of strongly aromatic plants, shrubs and herbs throughout the garden.

# Living with DEER

## Aromatics for camouflage gardening

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|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Catnip | Garlic   | Oregano  | Santolina |
| Chives | Lavender | Rosemary | Spearmint |
| Dill   | Onion    | Sage     | Yarrow    |

## Deer-resistant shrubs and trees

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Barberry                 | Ginkgo                  | Russian Olive      |
| Boxwood                  | Hollywood Juniper       | Shrubby Cinquefoil |
| Butterfly Bush           | Japanese Garden Juniper | Spirea             |
| Colorado Spruce          | Lilac                   | Sugar Maple        |
| Corkscrew Willow         | Moonglow Juniper        | Viburnum           |
| Cornelian Cherry Dogwood | Mountain Laurel         | Witchhazel         |
| European Beech           | Red-osier Dogwood       |                    |
| Forsythia                | River Birch             |                    |

## PLANTS LEAST LIKELY TO BE CONSUMED OR SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY DEER

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Alyssum           | Coreopsis          | Jacob's Ladder     | Russian Sage     |
| Anise Hyssop      | Crown Vetch        | Joe Pye Weed       | Siberian Bugloss |
| Aster             | Daffodil           | Lady's Mantle      | Snapdragon       |
| Beebalm           | Dame's Rocket      | Lamb's Ear         | Spiderwort       |
| Bigleaf Ligularia | Dead Nettle        | Larkspur           | Spike Gayfeather |
| Blanket Flower    | Dusty Miller       | Lily of the Valley | Spurge           |
| Bleeding Heart    | Evening Primrose   | Lilyturf           | Stonecrop        |
| Blue Salvia       | False Indigo       | Lobelia            | Sweet Cicely     |
| Boltonia          | Ferns              | Lupine             | Sweet William    |
| Bugleweed         | Forget-me-not      | Marigold           | Sweet Woodruff   |
| Butterfly Weed    | Four O'clock       | Mayapple           | Tiger Lily       |
| California Poppy  | Foxglove           | Mint               | Trumpet Vine     |
| Catmint           | Garden Croton      | Morning Glory      | Verbena          |
| Chicory           | Goatsbeard         | Mullein            | Wax Begonia      |
| Christmas Fern    | Goldenrod          | Oriental Poppy     | Wild Ginger      |
| Cinnamon Fern     | Heliotrope         | Ornamental Grass   | Yarrow           |
| Coleus            | Hellebore          | Parsley            | Yellow Archangel |
| Columbine         | Hen and Chicks     | Pennyroyal         | Zinnia           |
| Coneflower        | Iris               | Peony              |                  |
| Coralbells        | Jack-in-the-pulpit | Perennial Blueflax |                  |

(In the book *Deer-proofing your Yard and Garden* by Rhonda Massingham Hart, there is a list of roses that "rise to the occasion.")