

Deer Resistant Native Plants for Mid-Michigan

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Please note:

1. Hungry deer will eat almost anything. There are no guarantees.
2. Plants fresh from the nursery are especially attractive because they have high quality nutrition, and deer sense this.
3. New spring foliage is attractive to deer because they are hungry and because all plants are more palatable when young and tender.
4. If you have a serious deer problem, it is best to cage new plantings with fencing. Once plants are established, many can tolerate some deer browse.
5. General rules-of-thumb: deer dislike foliage that is aromatic (e.g., members of the mint, onion or sage families), fuzzy or hairy, and all ferns, grasses, sedges. They tend to really like legumes (members of the bean/pea family--Fabaceae).

Herbaceous Plants

Baneberry	<i>Actea pachypoda, A. rubra</i>	Blue lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>
Nodding wild onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Virginia bluebells	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Bee balm	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Horsemint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>
Wild ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Beardtongue (Penstemon sp.)	<i>Penstemon digitalis, P. hirsutus</i>
Milkweed species	<i>Asclepias tuberosa, A. syriaca,</i> <i>A. verticillata, A. incarnata</i>	May Apple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>
Wild indigo	<i>Baptisia tinctoria</i>	Solomon's Seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>
Harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia, C. americana</i>	Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida, R. hirta</i>
Black cohosh	<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	Bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>
Coreopsis species	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata, C. palmata,</i> <i>C. tripteris</i>	Ragwort	<i>Packera aurea, P. obovata</i>
Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea, E. pallida</i>	Blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>
Rattlesnake master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Celandine (wood) poppy	<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>
Joe-pye weed	<i>Eutrochium maculatum, E. purpureum,</i> <i>E. fistulosum</i>	Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>
Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Vervain species	<i>Verbena hastata, V. stricta</i>
Flowering spurge	<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Ironweed	<i>Vernonia missurica</i>
Wild geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Culver's-root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>
Prairie smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i>
False sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>		
Alum Root	<i>Heuchera americana</i>	<u>Woody Plants</u>	
Virginia waterleaf	<i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i>	New Jersey Tea	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>
Iris—blue flag	<i>Iris virginica, I. versicolor</i>	Virgins's Bower	<i>Clematis virginiana</i>
Blazing Star	<i>Liatris aspera, L. spicata</i>	Witch Hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>
		Great St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum spp.</i>
		Juniper	<i>Juniperus spp.</i>
		Spice Bush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>