

Deer Resistant Plant List

Note: Karen and Sue made this list based on plants that are rarely touched in their gardens in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Young deer might sample these, or when plants are newly planted. When it is dry, deer might browse them also. Nothing is certain when it comes to deer!

Plant Type	Common Name	Botanical Name	
Shrubs and Bushes	Andromedas	Pieris japonica	
	Australian fuchsia	Correa pulchella	
	Azaleas	Rhododendron, Tsutsuji (evergreen)	
	Barberry	Berberis spp	
	Bush Anemone	Carpenteria californica	
	California lilac	Ceanothus (BlueJeans and Emily Brown)	
	Chinese witch hazel	Loropetalum chinese	
	Cotoneaster**	Cotoneaster spp **	
	Flannel bush	Fremontodendron	
	Grevillea (many varieties)	Grevillea sp	
	Holly	Ilex spp	
	Junipers	Juniperus, spp	
	Leucodendron	Leucodendron spp	
	Lilacs	Syringa spp	
	Manzanita (low variety)	Arctostaphylos (Emerald carpet)	
	Manzanita (tall)	Arctostaphylos spp	
	Matilija Poppy	Matilija romneya	
	Oleander*	Nerium oleander*	
	Oregon Grape	Mahonia spp	
	Pride of Madeira	Echium fastuosum	
	Rhododendron	Rhododendron spp	
	Rock rose	Cistus spp	
	Tea tree	Leptospermum	
	Toyon	Heteromeles arbutifolia	
	Vines	Carolina Jasmine (yellow)	Gelsimium sempervirens
Morning Glory		Ipomoea purpurea	
Potato vine		Solanum jasminoides	
Star Jasmine		Trachelospermum jasminoides	
Wisteria**		Wisteria spp **	
Bulbs and tubers	Calla Lily	Zantedeschia spp	
	Crocus	Crocus spp	
	Crown Imperial	Fritillaria imperialis	
	Cyclamen	Cyclamen spp	
	Daffodils*	Narcissus* spp	
	Freesia	Freesia spp	
	Fortnight African Iris	Diets iridioides	
	Giant snowdrop	Galanthus elwesii	
	Grape hyacinth	Muscari	
	Iris (some)	Iris spp	
	Kaffer lily	Clivia miniata	
	Naked Lady	Amaryllis belladonna	
	Ornamental onions, chives	Allium spp	

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Perennials	African daisy	Osteospermum, fruticosa
	Bee balm	Monarda didyma
	Black-eyed Susan, Gloriosa daisy	Rudbeckia hirta
	Breath of Heaven	Coleonema pulchrum
	Bromeliads	Bromeliaceae
	Bush Marigold	Tagetes lemmonii
	California fuchsia	Zauschneria californica
	Catmint	Nepata cataria
	Christmas or Lenten rose	Helleborus spp
	Daphne	Daphne odorata
	Dead nettle	Lamium spp
	Euryops	Euryops spp
	Feverfew	Chrysanthemum parthnium
	Gaillardia	Gaillardia spp
	Hyssop	Hyssopus officinalis
	Jerusalem sage	Phlomis
	Lamb's ears	Stachys byzantina
	Lavender, English	Lavandula angustifolia
	Lavender, Spanish	Lavandula stoechas
	Lemon balm	Melissa officinalis
	Leopard plant	Lingularia japonica
	Licorice plant**	Helichrysum petiolare **
	Lion's tail	Leonotis leonurus
	Lithodora	Lithodora diffusa
	Marguerite	Chrysanthemum frutescens
	Mexican bush sage	Salvia leucantha
	Monkey flower, sticky monkey	Mimulus
	Oak leaf geranium	Geranium
	Scented geranium	Pelargonium fragrans
	Red hot poker	Kniphofia uvaria
	Rosemary	Rosemarinus officianalis
	Sages, many varied leaves	salvia officianalis
	Salvias, many flowering varieties	salvia spp
	Santolinas	Santolina spp
	Society garlic	Tulbaghia violacea
	Spurge, many colors *	Euphorbia spp*
	Thyme	Thymus vulgaris
	Wall flower	Erysimum linifolium
	Yarrow	Achilles millefolium
	Worm wood, sage brush	Artemisia sp
Succulents (American)	Hen and chicks	Sempervivum
	Echeveria	Echeveria family (most of the time)
	Crassula	Crassulaceae family
	Cactus with spines	Cactaceae family

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Grass and sedges	Blue fescue	Festuca sp
	Berkley sedge	Carex tumulicola
	Purple fountain grass	Pennisetum setaceum ' <i>Rubrum</i> '
	Miscanthus	Miscanthus sp
	New Zealand Flax	Phormium spp
	Rushes	Juncus spp
	Sedges	Carex spp
Ferns	Asparagus fern	Asparagrus densiflorus, meyeri, setaceys
	Bleeding heart	Dicentra spp
	Chain fern	Woodwardia
	Deer ferns	Blechnum spicant
	Japanese painted fern	Athyrium niponicum
	Lady fern	Athyrium Filix-femina
	Maiden hair fern	Adiantum
	Sword ferns	Nephrolepis
	Tasmanian tree fern	Dicksonia antartica
	Wood fern	Dryopteris
Ground Covers	Carpet bugle	Ajuga reptans, pyramidalis
	Baby tears	Soleirolia soleioli
	Brunnera (Siberian buglos)	Boraginaceae
	Crane's Bill	Geranium
	Creeping bramble	Rubus calysinoides
	Creeping Jenny	Lysimachia
	Germander	Teucrium chamaedrys
	Liriope (lily turf)	Liriope spicata
	Lungwort	Pulmonaria
	Santa Barbara daisy (Flebane)	Erigeron karvinskianus
	Sweet woodruff	Galium odoratum
	Wooly thyme	Thymus pseudolanuginosus
	Ice plant**	Aptenia cordifolia **
Annuals	Basil	Ocimum basilicum
	Bush daisy	Argyranthemum frutescens
	Nasturtium	Tropaeolum
	Marigolds	Tagetes spp
	Moss rose	Portulaca grandiflora
	Sweet alyssum	Lobularia maritima
	Wax begonia	Begonia semperflorens
	Zinnia	Zinnea augustifolia
Biennials	Foxglove*	Digitalis*
	Purple cone flower	Echinacea purpurea
	Rose Campion	Lychnis coronaria
	Sweet William	Dianthus barbatus

*Denotes poisonous plants

**These plants can be invasive, look for non-invasive varieties or control their seeds.

Deer Candy

Here is a list of plants that deer find appetizing. It is far from complete, but identifies the plants you will need to plant behind the fence if you want to keep them in your garden.

Agapanthas	Camelia	Petunia	Sweet peas
Blueberry	Hosta	Pumpkin	Sweet potato vine
Calibrachoa	Hydrangea	Rose (ultimate deer candy)	Tulip
Clematis	Lettuce/leaf crops	Solomon's Seal	Viola
Coleus	Magnolia	Phlox, summer & annual	
Crab apple	Orchard fruits	Strawberry	