

# Deer Resistant Plants

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Please note that very few plants are fully deer proof! Our Deer resistant list should be used only as a reference.

Indicated below are some of the plants that we have found to be unattractive to the deer in gardens in and around the Nanaimo area. Keep in mind, that Deer feeding patterns are affected by other factors such as, drought, over population, loss of habitat, snow, and presence of dogs. Click on the links below for full details.

## Annuals

| <b>BOTANICAL NAME</b> | <b>COMMON NAME</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Ageratum              | Floss Flower       |
| Artemisia             | Silver Mound       |
| Aster                 | Aster              |
| Begonia - Fibrous     | Begonia - Fibrous  |
| Begonia - Tuberous    | Begonia - Tuberous |
| Brachycome            | Swan River Daisy   |
| Calendula             | Pot Marigold       |
| Campanula             | Bell Flower        |
| Chrysanthemum         | Chrysanthemum      |
| Centaurea             | Centaurea          |
| Cleome                | Spider Flower      |
| Clarkia amoena        | Godetia            |
| Cosmos                | Cosmos             |
| Dahlia                | Dahlia             |
| Dianthus              | Pinks              |
| Dusty Miller          | Dusty Miller       |
| Euryops               | Euryops            |
| Felicia Blue          | Blue Marguerite    |
| Gaillardia            | Basket Flower      |
| Gazania               | Gazania            |
| Geranium - Scented    | Geranium - Scented |
| Herbs                 | Herbs              |
| Helianthus            | Strawflower        |
| Heliotrope            | Heliotrope         |
| Lamium                | Dead Nettle        |
| Lantana               | Lantana            |
| Lobelia               | Lobelia            |
| Lobularia martima     | Alyssum            |
| Marigolds             | Marigolds          |

## Annuals - continued

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Mimulus                | Monkey Flower          |
| Marguerite Daisy       | Marguerite Daisy       |
| Myosotis               | Forget-Me-Not          |
| Nepeta                 | Creeping Charlie       |
| Nicotiana              | Flowering Tobacco      |
| Osteospermum           | African Daisy          |
| Pennisetum 'Rubrum'    | Red Fountain Grass     |
| Ricinus                | Castor Oil Plant       |
| Rudbeckia              | Black-eyed Susan       |
| Salvia 'Victoria Blue' | Salvia 'Victoria Blue' |
| Scabiosa               | Pincushion Flower      |
| Scaevola               | Blue Fan               |
| Senecio                | Dusty Miller           |
| Solanum jasminoides    | Potato Vine            |
| Statice                | Statice                |
| Verbena                | Verbena                |
| Zinnia                 | Zinnia                 |

## Broad Leaf Evergreen Shrubs

| BOTANICAL NAME         | COMMON NAMES               |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
|                        |                            |
| <b>SUN LOVING</b>      |                            |
| Abelia                 | Abelia                     |
| Arbutus unedo          | Strawberry Tree            |
| Berberis Verruculosa   | Warty Barberry             |
| Buxus                  | Boxwood                    |
| Ceanothus Th. Victoria | California Lilac           |
| Choisya Aztec Pearl    | Aztec Pearl Mexican Orange |
| Choisya Sundance       | Golden Mexican Orange      |
| Choisya ternata        | Mexican Orange             |
| Cistus                 | Rockrose                   |
| Cytisus                | Scotch Broom               |
| Daphne odora           | Winter Daphne              |
| Erica / Calluna        | Heather                    |
| Genista                | Genista                    |
| Ilex                   | Holly (some)               |
| Leucothoe Scarletta    | Scarlet Leucothoe          |
| Mahonia                | Oregon Grape               |
| Nandina                | False Bamboo               |
| Phyllostachys          | Bamboo                     |

## Broad Leaf Evergreen Shrubs - continued

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Pieris japonica     | Pieris            |
| Pyracantha          | Fire thorn        |
| Yucca               | Yucca             |
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| <b>SHADE LOVING</b> |                   |
| Ferns               | Ferns             |
| Leucothoe Rainbow   | Rainbow Leucothoe |
| Rhododendrons       | Rhododendrons     |
| Sarcococca          | Sweet Box         |
| Skimmia japonica    | Skimmia           |

## Bulbs - Fall

| BOTANICAL NAME     | COMMON NAME              |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
|                    |                          |
| Allium             | Ornamental Onion         |
| Artemisia          | Artemisia                |
| Brodiaea           | Grass Nut, Queen Fabiola |
| Chionodoxa         | Glory-of-the-Snow        |
| Colchicum          | Autumn Crocus            |
| Crocus             | Crocus                   |
| Cyclamen           | Cyclamen                 |
| Eranthis           | Winter aconite           |
| Freesia            | Freesia                  |
| Fritillaria        | Fritillaria              |
| Galanthus          | Snowdrops                |
| Hyacinth           | Hyacinth                 |
| Iris               | Iris                     |
| Ixia               | African Corn Flower      |
| Leucojum           | Snowflake                |
| Muscari            | Grape Hyacinth           |
| Narcissus          | Daffodil                 |
| Ornithogalum       | Star of Bethlehem        |
| Oxalis             | Shamrock                 |
| Puschkina          | Puschkina                |
| Scilla             | Bluebell                 |
| Triteleia uniflora | Spring Star Flower       |

## Bulbs - Spring

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Anenome            | Anenome             |
| Begonia - Tuberous | Begonia - Tuberous  |
| Dahlia             | Dahlia              |
| Freesia            | Freesia             |
| Iris               | Iris                |
| Ixia               | African Corn Flower |
| Oxalis             | Shamrock            |

## Conifers

| BOTANICAL NAME                 | COMMON NAMES                 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                |                              |
| <b>PINES</b>                   |                              |
| Pinus cembra Blue Mound        | Swiss stone Pine             |
| Pinus densiflora umb. Tanyosho | Tanyosho Pine                |
| Pinus flexilis vanderwulf      | Vanderwulf Pine              |
| Pinus leucodermis Compact Gem  | Dwf. Bosnian Pine            |
| Pinus muga Pumillio            | Dwf. Mugo Pine               |
| Pinus mugo mughus              | Mugo Pine                    |
| Pinus nigra                    | Austrian Pine                |
| Pinus nigra Select Green       | Select Green Black Pine      |
| Pinus parviflora brevifolia    | Brevifolian White Pine       |
| Pinus parviflora glauca        | Glauce Japanese White Pine   |
| Pinus parviflora Templehoff    | Templehoff Jap. White Pine   |
| Pinus strobu contorta          | Contorted Eastern White Pine |
| Pinus strobus fastigiata       | Columnar Eastern White Pine  |
| Pinus strobus nana             | Dwf. Eastern White Pine      |
| Pinus strobus Pendula          | Weeping Eastern White Pine   |
| Pinus sylvestris Aurea         | Golden Scotch Pine           |
| Pinus sylvestris Beacon Hill   | Beacon Hill Dwf. Scotch Pine |
| Pinus sylvestris viridis       | Lamb's Tail Pine             |
| Pinus sylvestris Waterii       | Dwf. Scotch Pine             |
| Pinus thunbergii Banshoho      | Banshoho Pine                |
| Pinus thunbergii Yatsubusa     | Yatsubusa Pine               |
| <b>SPRUCE</b>                  |                              |
| Picea abies acrocona           | Acrocona Norway Spruce       |
| Picea abies little gem         | Little Gem Norway Spruce     |
| Picea abies nidiformis         | Bird's Nest Spruce           |
| Picea abies ohlendorffii       | Dwf. Norway Spruce           |
| Picea abies pendula            | Weeping Norway spruce        |

## Conifers - continued

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|---|-------------------------------|
| <i>Picea breweriana</i>                     | Brewers Spruce                |
| <i>Picea glauca albertiana conica</i>       | Dwf. Alberta Spruce           |
| <i>Picea glauca albertiana globe</i>        | Dwf. Globe Alberta Spruce     |
| <i>Picea glauca echiniformis</i>            | Echiniformis White Spruce     |
| <i>Picea likiagensis purpurea</i>           | Purple spruce                 |
| <i>Picea omorika</i> Bruns                  | Bruns Serbian Spruce          |
| <i>Picea omorika nana</i>                   | Dwf. Serbian Spruce           |
| <i>Picea orientalis aurea</i>               | Oriental Spruce               |
| <i>Picea pungens Bakerii</i>                | Bakerii Blue Spruce           |
| <i>Picea pungens</i> Blue Eyes              | Blue Eyes Blue Spruce         |
| <i>Picea pungens</i> Fastigiata             | Columnar Blue Spruce          |
| <i>Picea pungens</i> Fat albert             | Fat Albert Blue Spruce        |
| <i>Picea pungens</i> Globosa                | Globe Blue Spruce             |
| <i>Picea pungens</i> Hoopsii                | Hoopsii Blue Spruce           |
| <i>Picea pungens</i> Iseli Foxtail          | Foxtail Blue Spruce           |
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| <b>JUNIPERS</b>                             |                               |
| <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> Hetzii<br>Glauca | Hetz Glauca Juniper           |
| <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> Old Gold         | Old Gold juniper              |
| <i>Juniperus chinensis</i> Pfitzer<br>aurea | Golden pfitzer Juniper        |
| <i>Juniperus procumbens</i> Nana            | Dwf. Japanese Juniper         |
| <i>Juniperus sabina tamariscifolia</i>      | Tam Juniper                   |
| <i>Juniperus scop.</i> Grizzly Bear         | Grizzly Bear Juniper          |
| <i>Juniperus scop.</i> MoonGlow             | MoonGlow Juniper              |
| <i>Juniperus scop.</i> Wichita              | Wichita Blue Juniper          |
| <i>Juniperus Squamata</i> Blue Star         | Blue Star Juniper             |
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| <b>MISC. CONIFERS</b>                       |                               |
| <i>Abies balsamae</i> nana                  | Dwf. Balsam Fir               |
| <i>Cedrus deodara</i>                       | Deodara Cedar                 |
| <i>Cedrus deodara</i> 'Feeling Blue'        | Feeling Blue Creeping Deodara |
| <i>Chamaecyparis pis fil</i> Aurea<br>nana  | Gold Thread Cypress           |
| <i>Cupressocyparis leylandii</i>            | Leyland Cypress               |
| <i>Podocarpus alpinus</i> Blue gem          | Blue Gem Podocarpus           |
| <i>Sequiodadendron Gigantium</i>            | Giant Sequoia                 |
| <i>Thuja plicata</i> Excelsa                | Western Red Cedar             |
| <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> nana Gracilis       | Dwf Hemlock                   |
| <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> Pendula             | Weeping Hemlock               |

## Deciduous Shrubs

| BOTANICAL NAME             | COMMON NAMES           |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
|                            |                        |
| Azalea dec.                | Deciduous Azaleas      |
| Berberis thunbergii        | Japanese Barberry      |
| Buddleia                   | Butterfly Bush         |
| Chaenomeles                | Flowering Quince       |
| Cotinus cogg. Royal Purple | Purple Smoke Tree      |
| Cotinus Golden Spirit      | Golden Smoke Tree      |
| Forysthia                  | Forsythia              |
| Halimocistus               | Rockrose cross sunrose |
| Kerria japonica            | Kerria                 |
| Kolkwitzia                 | Beauty Bush            |
| Lavatera                   | Tree mallow            |
| Potentilla                 | Potentilla             |
| Ribes                      | Flowering Currant      |
| Syringa                    | Lilacs                 |

## Ground Cover

| BOTANICAL NAME         | COMMON NAME           |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                        |                       |
| Ajuga                  | Carpet Bugle          |
| Arctostaphylos         | kinnikinnick          |
| Arenaria verna         | Irish Moss            |
| Cotoneaster            | Cotoneaster           |
| Galium odoratum        | Sweet Woodruff        |
| Gaultheria shallon     | Salal                 |
| Hedra helix            | English Ivy           |
| Lithodora diffusa      | Lithodora             |
| Pachysandra terminalis | Japanese Spurge       |
| Sagina subulata aurea  | Scotch Moss           |
| Thymus                 | Thyme Ass't Varieties |
| Vinca                  | Vinca                 |

## Japanese Maples

Japanese maples are only safe from deer in some areas, it is always best to start with larger specimens.

| BOTANICAL NAME                      | COMMON NAMES                 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Acer palm dissectum 'Crimson queen' | Crimson Queen Japanese Maple |
| Acer palm dissectum 'Red dragon'    | Red Dragon Japanese Maple    |
| Acer palm dissectum 'Red Spider'    | Red Spider Japanese Maple    |
| Acer palm dissectum 'Waterfall'     | Waterfall Japanese Maple     |
| Acer palmatum                       | Japanese Maple               |
| Acer palmatum 'Atropurpureum'       | Red Japanese Maple           |
| Acer palmatum 'Bloodgood'           | Bloodgood Japanese Maple     |
| Acer palmatum 'Burgundy Lace'       | Burgundy lace Japanese Maple |
| Acer palmatum 'Butterfly'           | Butterfly Japanese Maple     |
| Acer palmatum 'Crispissii'          | Crispissii Japanese Maple    |
| Acer palmatum 'Fidam'               | Fidam Japanese Maple         |
| Acer palmatum diss. 'Garnet'        | Garnet Japanese Maple        |
| Acer palmatum diss. 'Inabe Shidare' | Inabe Shidare Japanese Maple |
| Acer palmatum 'Koto no ito'         | Koto no ito Japanese Maple   |
| Acer palmatum 'Lion Heart'          | Lion Heart Japanese Maple    |
| Acer palmatum 'Osakazuki'           | Osakazuki Japanese Maple     |
| Acer palmatum 'Oshio Beni'          | Oshio Beni Japanese Maple    |
| Acer palmatum 'Red pygmy'           | Red Pygmy Japanese Maple     |
| Acer palmatum sango kaku            | Coral Bark Japanese Maple    |
| Acer palmatum 'Seiryu'              | Seiryu Japanese Maple        |
| Acer palmatum 'Shania'              | Shaina Japanese Maple        |
| Acer palmatum 'Shishigashira'       | Shishigashira Japanese Maple |
| Acer palmatum shojo                 | Shojo Japanese Maple         |
| Acer palmatum 'Shojo Nomura'        | Shojo Nomura Japanese Maple  |
| Acer palmatum 'Sumanigashi'         | Sumanigashi Japanese Maple   |
| Acer palmatum 'Trompenburg'         | Trompenburg Japanese Maple   |
| Acer palmatum 'Tsukushigata'        | Tsukushigata Japanese Maple  |
| Acer shirasawanum 'Full Moon'       | Full Moon Maple              |

## Ornamental Grasses

| BOTANICAL NAME                | COMMON NAMES          |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Carex buchananii              | Leather Leaf Sedge    |
| Carex morrowii Ice Dance      | Ice Dance Sedge       |
| Festuca Glauca Pepindale Blue | Blue Fescue           |
| Helictotrichon semp. Sapphire | Blue Oat Grass        |
| Imperata cylindrica Red Baron | Japanese Blood Grass  |
| Carex elata Bowles Golden     | Bowles Golden Sedge   |
| Phormium                      | New Zealand Flax      |
| Stipa tenuissima              | Mexican Feather Grass |
| Carex albula 'Frosty Curls'   | Frosty Curls Sedge    |
| Carex coman's Bronze          | Bronze Sedge          |
| Carex Evergold                | Evergold Sedge        |
| Carex testacea                | Orange Sedge          |

## Ornamental Trees

Deer will browse up to about shoulder height (5 ft.). Most flowering and shade trees begin to branch above that height and can avoid deer damage. Trees should be pruned to keep all branches out of reach of deer.

| BOTANICAL NAME              | COMMON NAMES                  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Acer Circinatum             | Vine Maple                    |
| Aesculus Carnea 'Briotii'   | Pink Flowering Horse Chestnut |
| Aesculus Carnea Tort McNair | Pink Flowering Chestnut       |
| Betula 'Jacquimonti'        | Himalayan White birch         |
| Betula Lanciniata           | Cutleaf Weeping Birch         |
| Betula papyrifera           | Paper Birch                   |
| Betula pend 'Globosa Nana'  | Globe Birch                   |
| Betula 'Pendula'            | European White Birch          |
| Betula pendula 'Youngii'    | Young's Twisted Birch         |
| Catalpa speciosa            | Catalpa                       |
| Crataegus Crimson Cloud     | Crimson Hawthorn              |
| Eleagnus augustifolia       | Russian Olive                 |
| Fraxinus 'Raywood'          | Raywood Ash                   |
| Ginkgo Biloba               | Maidenhair Tree               |
| Laburnum Waterii 'Vossi'    | Golden Chain Tree             |
| Platanus x acerifolia       | London Plane Sycamore         |
| Quercus coccinea            | Scarlet Oak                   |
| Quercus macrocarpa          | Burr Oak                      |
| Quercus palustris           | Pin Oak                       |

## Ornamental Trees - continued

|              |                |
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| Rhus glabra  | Smooth sumac   |
| Rhus typhina | Staghorn sumac |

## Perennials

| BOTANICAL NAME         | COMMON NAME      |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Acanthus               | Bear's Breech    |
| Achillea               | Yarrow           |
| Agapanthus             | Lily of the Nile |
| Agastache              | Anise Hyssop     |
| Armeria                | Sea Thrift       |
| Astilbe                | Astilbe          |
| Aubretia               | Rock Cress       |
| Caryopteris            | Blue Beard       |
| Cerastium              | Snow in Summer   |
| Cistus                 | Rock Rose        |
| Crocsmia               | Monbretia        |
| Dahlia                 | Dahlia           |
| Dicentra               | Bleeding Heart   |
| Digitalis              | Fox Glove        |
| Echinacea              | Cone Flower      |
| Erysimum               | Wall Flower      |
| Euphorbia              | Euphorbia        |
| Helleborus             | Helleborus       |
| Hemerocallis           | Day Lily         |
| Iberis                 | Candy tuft       |
| Iris                   | Iris             |
| Kniphofia              | Red Hot Poker    |
| Lavender               | Lavender         |
| Liatris                | Gay Feather      |
| Monarda                | Bee Balm         |
| Myosotis               | Forget me Not    |
| Nepeta                 | Catmint          |
| Papaver                | Oriental Poppy   |
| Peony                  | Peony            |
| Perovskia              | Russian Sage     |
| Phlox subulata         | Moss Phlox       |
| Rosmarinus officinalis | Rosemary         |
| Rudbeckia hirta        | Black eyed Susan |
| Salvia                 | Sage             |

## Perennials - continued

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Santolina      | Lavender Cotton |
| Saxifraga      | Saxifrage       |
| Stychny lanata | Lamb's Ear      |
| Verbascum      | Common Mullein  |
| Verbena        | Verbena         |
| Veronica       | Speedwell       |
| Zantendeschia  | Calla Lily      |