

Deer & Rabbit Resistant Trees and Shrubs

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Botanical Name	Common Name	Resistance Level	Light Requirements	Evergreen
Abies koreana	Fir	X	Sun	
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Acer palmatum	Japanese Maple	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Aesculus parviflora	Bottlebrush Buckeye	XXX	Pt Shade/Shade	
Albizia	Silk Tree	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Amelanchier	Serviceberry	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Arctostaphylos	Bearberry	X	Sun/Pt Shade	
Aronia	Chokeberry	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Asimina	Pawpaw	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade	
*Betula	Birch	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Buddleia	Butterflybush	XXX	Sun	
*Buxus	Boxwood	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade	Y
Calycanthus	Sweetshrub	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Caryopteris	Blue Mist Shrub	XXX	Sun	
Cephalotaxus	Japanese Plum Yew	XXX	Pt Shade/Shade	Y
Cercidiphyllum	Katsuratree	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade	
*Cercis	Redbud	X	Sun/Pt Shade	
*Chaenomeles	Flowering Quince	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Chamaecyparis	False Cypress	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	Y
Chionanthus	Fringe Tree	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Clethra	Summersweet	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Cornus kousa	Kousa Dogwood	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
*Cornus sericea, alba	Red Twig Dogwood	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Cotinus	Smokebush	XX	Sun	
*Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster	XX	Sun	
Cryptomeria	Japanese Cryptomeria	XX	Sun	Y
Cytisus	Broom	XXX	Sun	
*Daphne	Daphne	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade	
*Deutzia	Deutzia	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Enkianthus	Enkianthus	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Forsythia	Forsythia	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	
Fothergilla	Fothergilla	XX	Sun/Pt Shade	

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Halesia	Silverbell	XX	Pt Shade		
*Hamamelis	Witchhazel	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Hibiscus	Rose of Sharon	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Hydrangea (except folia)	querci- Hydrangea	X	Sun/Pt Shade		
*Hypericum	St. John's Wort	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
*Ilex crenata	Japanese Holly	X	Sun/Pt Shade		Y
*Ilex glabra	Inkberry	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		Y
Ilex verticillata	Winterberry	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		Y
*Ilex x meservae	Blue Holly	X	Sun/Pt Shade		Y
Itea	Sweetspire	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
*Juniperus	Juniper	XXX	Sun		Y
*Kerria	Kerria	XX	Pt Shade/Shade		
Leucothoe	Dog Hobble	XXX	Pt Shade/Shade		Y
*Ligustrum	Privet	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Lindera benzoin	Spicebush	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Magnolia	Magnolia	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Metasequoia	Dawn Redwood	X	Sun/Pt Shade		
Microbiota	Russian Cypress	XXX	Pt Shade/Shade		Y
Myrica	Bayberry	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Oxydendrum	Sourwood	X	Sun/Pt Shade		
*Philadelphus	Mockorange	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Picea	Spruce	XXX	Sun		Y
Pieris	Andromeda	XXX	Pt Shade/Shade		Y
*Pinus	Pine	XXX	Sun		Y
Potentilla	Bush Cinguefoil	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade		
*Rhus aromatica	Sumac	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Salix	Willow	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
*Sambucus	Elderberry	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Spiraea	Spirea	XX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Syringa	Lilac	XX	Sun		
Thuja plicata	W. Arborvitae	XX	Sun		Y
*Viburnum tomentosum	Viburnum	XXX	Sun/Pt Shade		
Weigela	Weigela	X	Sun		

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