

Deer Resistant Trees and Shrubs

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

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

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