

A Guide To Deer Resistant Plants

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Deer resistant plants for the Rogue Valley

Despite the beauty of wildlife and the serenity that watching it brings, living in heavily deer populated areas presents a challenge with landscaping. Deer are vegetarian and therefore love to graze on those fresh shrubs and flowers you plant to beautify your yard. The following are some tips to help discourage deer from damaging your yard as well as a list of plants that have shown resistance to grazing. However, nothing is truly “deer proof”. Expect some grazing especially from fawns until they know what they like and dislike.

Deer repellents

Of the many deer repellents on the market, **Fertilome’s ‘This-1-works’** has proven to be an exceptionally effective product that won’t wash off with rain or constant irrigation when applied according to directions.



This means that it only needs to be applied as your plants put on new growth. As effective as this is, it isn’t suggested for use on edible crops (remember - it won’t wash off). The best way to protect your edible crops is to fence them off. **Fertilome’s ‘This-1-works’** is made with a nontoxic yet very bitter substance called Bitrex that not only tastes terrible but also has a very faint smell that deer can pick up keeping them from grazing other plants that are sprayed as well.

Protecting Trees

Staking and fencing is certainly the most effective way to protect young trees from the damage a buck can do with his antlers. You may have limited success using a tree wrap.

Deer resistant Plants

The following plants have been found to be resistant to grazing by deer in most areas in the Rogue Valley. When choosing deer resistant plants, the most resistant will be those with a strong scent or flavor, fuzzy or white leaves, or needle like foliage such as conifers.



The number in front of the common name denotes the level of resistance, 3 being the most resistant. Also, look for this symbol on our nursery stock signs which denotes a ‘deer resistant’ plant.

Trees:

ABIES	3 FIR, MOST SPECIES
ACER CIRCINATUM	2 VINE MAPLE
ACER PALMATUM	2 JAPANESE MAPLE
ALBIZIA	3 SILK TREE
ARAUCARIA	3 MONKEY PUZZLE
BETULA	1 BIRCH
CEDRUS	3 CEDAR, MOST SPECIES
CERCIS	3 REDBUD
CORYLUS	2 FILBERT
COTINUS	2 SMOKE TREE
CRATAEGUS	2 HAWTHORNE
CUPRESSUS	2 CYPRESS
FICUS	3 EDIBLE FIG
FRAXINUS OXYCARPA	3 RAYWOOD ASH AND OTHERS
GINKGO	3 MAIDENHAIR
GLEDITSIA	2 LOCUST
JUGLANS	3 WALNUT
LIQUIDAMBER	1 SWEETGUM
MAGNOLIA	3 MAGNOLIA SPECIES
MORUS	2 FRUITLESS MULBERRY
PICEA	3 SPRUCE, MOST SPECIES
PINUS	3 PINE, MOST SPECIES
PSEUDOTSUGA	3 DOUGLAS FIR
QUERCUS	3 OAK
ROBINA	3 LOCUST
SEQUOIA	2 REDWOOD
THUJA	2 ARBORVITAE

Shrubs:

ABELIA	1 ABELIA
ACER CIRCINATUM	2 VINE MAPLE
ARBUTUS	1 STRAWBERRY TREE
ARCTOSTAPHYLOS	2 MANZANITA
BACCHARIS	3 COYOTE BUSH
BERBERIS	3 BARBERRY
BUXUS	3 BOXWOOD
CEANOTHUS	2 JULIA PHELPS
CHOISYA	3 MEXICAN ORANGE
CISTUS	2 ROCKROSE
COTINUS	2 SMOKE TREE
CYTISUS	3 SCOTCH BROOM
DAPHNE	3 DAPHNE, ALL
ELEAGNUS	2 SILVERBERRY
ERICA	2 HEATH OR HEATHER
EUONYMUS	1 EUONYMUS
FATSIA	3 JAPANESE FALSE ARALIA
FEJOIA	3 PINEAPPLE GUAVA
FERN	3 FERN, ALL SPECIES

GAULTHERIA	3	SALAL
GENISTA	3	LYDIA BROOM
GRASSES	3	ALL ORNAMENTAL GRASSES
ILEX CORNUTA	3	BURFORD HOLLY
ILEX CRENATA	3	HELLERI HOLLY
JUNIPERUS	3	JUNIPER, ALL
LAURUS NOBILIS	3	BAYLEAF
LIGUSTRUM	2	WAX PRIVIT
LITHODORA	3	GRACE WARD
MAHONIA	3	OREGON GRAPE
MYRICA	3	MYRTLE
NANDINA	1	HEAVENLY BAMBOO
NERIUM	3	OLEANDER
PHILADELPHUS	3	MOCK ORANGE
PHYLOSTACHYS	2	BAMBOO SPECIES
PIERIS	2	ANDROMEDA, ALL SPECIES
POTENTILLA	3	POTENTILLA (DECID.)
PINUS	3	MUGHO PINE
PICEA	3	SPRUCE, ALL SPECIES
RHODODENDRON	2	RHODODENDRON
RHUS	2	SUMAC
RIBES	2	GOOSEBERRY
SARCOCOCCA	3	SARCOCOCCA
TAXUS	3	YEW
THUJA	2	ARBORVITAE
YUCCA	3	YUCCA, ALL SPECIES

Groundcovers and Vines:

AJUGA REPTANS	3	CARPET BUGLE
ARCTOSTAPHYLOS	3	KINNIKINNIK
CERASTIUM	3	SNOW IN SUMMER
CLEMATIS	3	CLEMATIS, ALL SPECIES
GALIUM	2	SWEET WOODRUF
HEDERA	3	IVY
HERNARIA	3	GREEN CARPET
HOUTTUYNIA	3	CAMELEON
HYPERICUM	3	ST. JOHN'S WORT
ISOTOMA	3	BLUE STAR CREEPER
JUNIPERUS	3	JUNIPER, ALL SPECIES
LAMIUM	2	DEAD NETTLE
PACHYSANDRA	3	JAPANESE SPURGE
POTENTILLA FRAG.	3	STRAWBERRY POTTENTILLA
ROSMARINUS	3	TRAILING ROSEMARY
SAGINA SUBULATA	3	IRISH AND SCOTCH MOSS
SEDUM AND SUCCULENTS	3	SEDUM AND SUCCULENTS
THYMUS	3	THYME, ALL SPECIES
TRACHELOSPERMUM	2	STAR JASMINE
VERBENA PERUVIANA	2	TRAILING VERBENA
VERONICA REPENS	3	VERONICA
VINCA	3	PERIWINKLE
WISTERIA	2	WISTERIA

Perennials:

ACANTHUS	3	BEARS BREACH
ACHILLEA	3	YARROW
AGAPANTHUS	1	LILY OF THE NILE
ALLIUM	3	ORNAMENTAL ONION
ALTHEA	3	HOLLYHOCK
ALYSSUM	3	ANNUAL AND PERENNIAL
ANENOME	2	ANENOME
ANETHUM	3	DILL
AQUILEGIA	3	COLUMBINE
ARABIS	2	ROCKCRESS
ARMERIA	3	THRIFT
ARTEMISIA	3	WORMWOOD
ASTER	3	PERENNIAL ASTER
ASTILBE	3	MEADOW SWEET
AUBRETIA	2	AUBRETIA
BEGONIA	1	TUBEROUS BEGONIA
BELLIS	3	ENGLISH DAISY
BERGENIA	3	SAXIFRAGE
BUDDLEA	2	BUTTERFLY BUSH
CANNA	3	CANNA LILY
CENTAUREA	3	DUSTY MILLER
CENTRANTHUS	3	JUPITERS BEARD
CHRYSANTHEMUM MAX.	3	SHASTA DAISY
COREOPSIS	2	TICKSEED
DELPHINIUM	2	DELPHINIUM
DICENTRA	3	BLEEDING HEART
DIGITALIS	3	FOXGLOVE
ECHINACEA	3	CONEFLOWER
ERIGERON	3	FLEABANE
ERIOGONUM	3	BUCKWHEAT
ERYSIMUM	3	WALLFLOWER
EUPHORBIA	3	CUSHION SPURGE
FREESIA	3	FREESIA
FRITILLARIA	3	CROWN IMPERIAL
GAILLARDIA	2	BLANKET FLOWER
GALANTHUS	3	COMMON SNOWDROP
GYPSOPHYLA	3	BABY'S BREATH
HELIANTHEMUM	3	SUNROSE
HELLEBORUS	3	CHRISTMAS ROSE
HEMEROCALLIS	2	DAYLILY
HERBS	3	MANY VARIETIES
HESPERIS	2	DAMES ROCKET
HEUCHERA	3	CORAL BELLS
HOSTA	1	HOSTA
IRIS	3	IRIS
KNIPHOFIA	3	RED HOT POKER
LAVANDULA	3	LAVENDER, ALL SPECIES
LIMONIUM	2	SEA LAVENDER
LIRIOPE	3	LILY TURF
LOBELIA CARDINALIS	3	CARDINAL LOBELIA

LUPINUS	3	LUPINE
LYCHNIS	3	ROSE CAMPION
MENTHA	3	MINT
MONARDA	3	BEE BALM
MUSCARI	3	GRAPE HYACINTH
MYOSOTIS	3	FORGET-ME-NOT
NARCISSUS	3	DAFFODIL
NEPETA	3	CATNIP
NIEREMBERGIA	3	CUPFLOWER
OXALIS	3	SHAMROCK
PAEONIA	2	PEONY
PAPAVER ORIENTAL	3	ORIENTAL POPPY
PENSTEMON	2	PENSTEMON
PEROVSKIA	3	RUSSIAN SAGE
PHLOX SUBULATA	3	CREEPING PHLOX
ROSMARINUS	3	ROSEMARY
RUDBECKIA	3	GLORIOSA DAISY
SALVIA VICTORIA	3	BLUE SALVIA
SANTOLINA	3	LAVENDER COTTON
SCABIOSA	3	PINCUSHION FLOWER
SEDUM AND SUCCULENTS	3	SEDUM AND SUCCULENTS
SENECIO	3	DUSTY MILLER
SILENE	2	CUSHION PINKS
STACHYS BYZANTINA	3	LAMBS EARS
TEUCHRIUM	3	GERMANDER
VERBENA PERUVIANA	2	TRAILING VERBENA
VERONICA	2	VERONICA, MOST SPECIES
ZANTEDESCHIA	3	CALLA LILY

Annuals:

AGERATUM	2	AGERATUM
ALYSSUM	3	ANNUAL AND PERENNIAL
ANTIRRHUM	2	SNAPDRAGON
BRACHYCOME	3	SWAN RIVER DAISY
CELOSIA	2	CELOSIA
CHRYSANTHEMUM FRUT.	3	MARGARITE DAISY
COSMOS	2	COSMOS
ESCHOLZIA	3	CALIFORNIA POPPY
EURYOPS	2	DAISY TREE
FELICIA	3	BLUE MARGARITE DAISY
GAZANIA	3	GAZANIA
GERBERA	2	GERBERA DAISY
IMPATIENS	2	IMPATIENS
LANTANA	3	LANTANA
MARIGOLD	2	MARIGOLD, ALL SPECIES
PELARGONIUM	3	SCENTED GERANIUM
PORTULACA	3	MOSS ROSE
ZINNIA	3	ZINNIA