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DEER TOLERANT / RESISTANT NORTHEAST NATIVE PLANTS

This **initial draft** list is merely a compilation of Northeast-native plants gleaned from the resources of native plant organizations such as Bowman's Hill and the LBJ Wildflower Center, some nurseries such as The Plantsmen, Fiddlehead Creek, and articles on the web.

Help us create a more useful list!

If you've found a plant listed here that has not been deer-resistant, please email us. If this is true for most people, we'll remove the plant from this list. And if a plant on this list is virtually deer-proof, let us know and we'll indicate that, too.

As all the sources say, **no plant is deer-proof**; they'll eat anything if they're hungry enough.

Deer-resistance can vary from site to site depending on factors such as the location of the site in the larger community, the location of a plant in the landscape, the surrounding vegetation, and other factors. What deer ignore in one setting they may gobble up in another.

One guideline: Plants with strongly scented foliage or acrid sap may be more immune to deer browse.

BOLD = plant rarely damaged

Consider our **Wild Ones** mission to preserve **biodiversity**. Protecting our own landscapes from deer is only a temporary solution with limited benefits. Deer overpopulation has become a serious problem for biodiversity in the ecosystems –**especially forests**–beyond our home landscapes. It is also a serious problem for the deer. Choosing plants on this list does not solve these larger problems. **How will our communities address this larger issue?**

SHRUBS

<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry
<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	Red chokeberry
<i>Calacanthus floridus</i>	Sweetshrub
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Summersweet
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Grey dogwood
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red-twig dogwood
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Wintergreen
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Smooth hydrangea
<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Oakleaf hydrangea
<i>Hypericum kalmianum</i>	Kalm's St. John's wort
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	St. John's wort
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia sweetspire
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common juniper
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Creeping juniper
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain laurel
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Northern bayberry
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Shrubby cinquefoil
<i>Rhododendron maximum</i>	Rosebay rhododendron
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Fragrant sumac
<i>Rubus odoratus</i>	Purple-flowering raspberry
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy willow
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Blue elderberry
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Red elderberry
<i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	Bladdernut
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry
<i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	Indian currant
<i>Vaccinium spp.</i>	Blueberry
<i>Viburnum spp.</i>	Viburnums

TREES

<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam fir
<i>Acer pensylvanicum</i>	Striped maple
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red maple
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Chestnut oak
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Allegheny serviceberry
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Serviceberry
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Serviceberry
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Pawpaw
<i>Betula spp.</i>	Birch
<i>Carya ovata</i>	Shagbark hickory
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Redbud
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	Atlantic white cedar
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	White fringe tree
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda dogwood
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Flowering dogwood
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American beech
<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Witch-hazel
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern red cedar
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweetgum
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip tree
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay magnolia
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Hophornbeam
<i>Oxydendron arboreum</i>	Sourwood
<i>Picea spp.</i>	Spruce
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	American sycamore
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White oak
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	Chestnut oak
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red oak
<i>Rhus typhina</i>	Staghorn sumac
<i>Salix spp.</i>	Willow
<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	Sassafras
<i>Tilia americana</i>	Basswood
<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	Eastern hemlock

VINES

<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet creeper
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	American bittersweet
(C. scandens is native; avoid non-native bittersweet)	
<i>Clematis virginiana</i>	Virgin's bower
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Trumpet honeysuckle
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia creeper
<i>Vitis spp.</i>	Grapes

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===== **FERNS** =====

<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Northern maidenhair fern
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Lady fern
<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>	Hayscented fern
<i>Dryopteris goldiana</i>	Goldie's wood fern
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	Marginal wood fern
<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich fern
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive fern
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon fern
<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	Interrupted fern
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal fern
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas fern
<i>Thelypteris noveboracensis</i>	New York fern
<i>Thelypteris palustris</i>	Marsh fern
(and many other ferns)	

===== **GRASSES** =====

<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big bluestem
<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	Sideoats grama
<i>Carex glaucoidea</i>	Blue wood sedge
<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania sedge
<i>Carex plantaginea</i>	Plantain-leaved sedge
<i>Carex platyphylla</i>	Broad-leaved sedge
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Northern sea oats
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada wild rye
<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	Bottlebrush grass
<i>Elymus virginicus</i>	Virginia wild rye
<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Purple love grass
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Common rush
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Pink muhly
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little bluestem
<i>Scirpus cyperinus</i>	Woolgrass
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indiangrass
(and many other native grasses)	

===== **WILDFLOWERS** =====

<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
<i>Aconitum uncinatum</i>	Monkshood
<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	Black cohosh
<i>Agastache scrophulariifolia</i>	Purple-giant hyssop
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Anise hyssop
<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	Canada anemone
<i>Antennaria</i>	Pussytoes
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding onion

<i>Amsonia spp.</i>	Blue star
<i>Aquilegia canadense</i>	Eastern red columbine
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack in the pulpit
<i>Arisaema draconitum</i>	Green dragon
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goat's beard
<i>Asarum canadensis</i>	Wild ginger
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp milkweed
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterflyweed
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common milkweed
<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	Whorled milkweed
<i>Aster spp.</i>	Asters
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue false indigo
<i>Baptisia tinctoria</i>	Yellow wild indigo
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i>	White boltonia
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh marigold
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Bellflower
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White turtlehead
<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Tall tickseed
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	Threadleaf coreopsis
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaved tickseed
<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	Dutchman's breeches
<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	Wild bleeding heart
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple coneflower
<i>Erythronium americanum</i>	Trout lily
<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>	Hollow joe-pye weed
<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	Spotted joe-pye weed
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Common boneset
<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	Sweetscented joe-pye weed
<i>Eupatorium rugosum</i>	White snakeroot
<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Flowering spurge
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wood geranium
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Prairie smoke
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Sneezeweed
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Annual sunflower
<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Maximilian sunflower
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Oxeye sunflower
<i>Heuchera americana</i>	Coral bells
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Swamp rose-mallow
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue flag iris
<i>Jeffersonia diphylla</i>	Twinleaf
<i>Liatris scariosa</i>	Northern blazing star
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing star
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal lobelia
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great blue lobelia
<i>Lupinus perennis</i>	Wild blue lupine

<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	False Solomon's seal
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia bluebells
<i>Mitchella repens</i>	Partridgeberry
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Beebalm
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild bergamot
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Dotted horse-mint
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>	Shrubby sundrops
<i>Oenothera triloba</i>	Stemless evening primrose
<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	Eastern prickly-pear cactus
<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>	Allegheny spurge
<i>Packera aurea</i>	Golden ragwort
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove beard-tongue
<i>Phlox spp.</i>	Phlox
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Woodland phlox
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient plant
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	Mayapple
<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Jacob's ladder
<i>Polygonatum</i>	Solomon's seal
<i>Pontederia cordata</i>	Pickernelweed
<i>Potentilla tridentata</i>	Three-toothed cinquefoil
<i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i>	Hoary mountain mint
<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	Short-toothed mtn mint
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Slender mountain mint
<i>Ratibida spp.</i>	Coneflower
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed susan
<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Cutleaf coneflower
<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Bloodroot
<i>Saururus cernuus</i>	Lizard's tail
<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	Wild Stonecrop
<i>Senecio aureus</i>	Golden ragwort
<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	Blue-eyed grass
<i>Smilacina spp.</i>	False Solomon's seal
<i>Solidago spp.</i>	Goldenrods
(such as <i>S. caesia</i> , <i>S. rugosa</i> , <i>S. rigida</i> etc.)	
<i>Symplocarpos foetidus</i>	Skunk cabbage
<i>Symphotrichum spp.</i>	Aster
<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	Early meadow rue
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Foamflower
<i>Tradescantia spp</i>	Spiderwort
<i>Trillium spp.</i>	Trillium
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culvers root
<i>Viola labradorica</i>	Labrador violet

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