

## PLANTS NOT FAVORED BY DEER

In a matter of moments, a hungry deer can destroy a prized garden specimen, taking with it the time spent selecting, planting, and caring for the plant. This happens all too often in Wisconsin and is the result of an increasing deer population trying to survive in a shrinking natural habitat. As food becomes scarce-particularly in winter and early spring-deer seek out alternative food sources such as ornamental plants grown near woodlands. Feeding damage can kill young plants and permanently ruin the shape of mature plants. How can you avoid deer browsing and having your prize peony for an afternoon snack? Well, unfortunately if a deer is hungry enough, they will eat almost anything, but there are a number of plants, and shrubs and trees that would not be the first things on their lists.

### Groundcovers Rarely Eaten

Allegheny spurge (*Pachysandra procumbens*) and Japanese pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*)  
Northern sea oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)  
Blue oat grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*)  
Lilyturf (*Liriope spicata*)  
Bugleweed (*Ajuga reptans* 'Atropurpurea')  
Creeping myrtle, or periwinkle vinca vine (*Vinca minor*)  
Deadnettle (*Lamium galeobdolon*)  
Catnip (*Nepeta cataria*)  
Sweet woodruff (*Galium odoratum*)  
Thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*)

### Annuals And Biennials Rarely Eaten

*Ageratum Housnainum*- Ageratum

*Antirrhinum majus*- Snapdragon

*Begonia x semperflorens-cultorum*- Wax Begonia

*Cleome Hasslerana*- Cleome

*Dahlia species*- Dahlia

*Datura species* Thorn- Apple

*Digitalis species*- Foxglove

*Gaillardia pulchella*- Blanket Flower

*Heliotropium arborecens*- Heliotrope

*Hypoestes phyllostachya*- Polka-Dot Plant

*Ipomoea species*- Morning Glory

*Looelia Ennus*- Edging Lobelia

*Mirabilis Jalaoa*- Four-O'Clock

*Myosotis sylvatica*- Forget-Me-Not

*Ocimum Basilicum*- Sweet Basil

*Papaver species*- Poppy

*Pelargonium x hortorum*- Zonal Geranium

*Petroselinum crispum*- Parsley

*Salvia fannacea*- Blue Salvia

*Senecio Cineraria*- Dusty Miller

*Silybum species*- Thistle

*Tagets species*- Marigold

*Verbena x hybrida*- Verbena

### **Herbaceous Perennials Rarely Eaten**

*Achillea* species- Yarrow, Sneezeweed

*Allium* species Ornamental Onion

*Alyssum saxatile* Basket of Gold

*Anemone* species Anemones

*Aruncus dioicus* Wormwood

*Astilbe* species Astilbe

*Bergenia* species Bergenia

*Buddleia davidii* Butterflybush

*Campanula carpatica* Tussock Bellflower

*Ceratostigma plumbaginoides* Plumbago

*Chrysanthemum coccineum* Painted Daisy

*Chrysanthemum parthenium* Feverfew

*Coreopsis* species Coreopsis

*Dianthus* species Sweet William

*Dicentra exima* Bleeding Heart

*Echinacea purpurea* Purple Coneflower

*Erica* species Heath

*Euphorbia* species Spurge

*Filipendula* species Queen-of-the-Prairie

*Geum* species Avens

*Helleborus* species HelleDone

*Kirengeshoma palmata* Kirengeshoma

*Liatris spicata* Spike Gayfeather

*Allium Schoenoprasum*- Chives

*Allium tuerosum* Garlic Chives

*Amsonia tabernaemontana* Amsonia

*Angelica Archangelica* Angelica

*Asclepias tuberosa* Butterfly Weed

*Baptisia* species False Indigo

*Boltonia asteroides* Boltonia

*Calluna* species Heather

*Centurea* species Knapweed

*Chelone* species Turtlehead

*Chrysanthemum x superbum* Shasta Daisy

*Cimicifuga racemosa* Bugbane

*Dennstaedtia punctilobula* Hay-scented Fern

Pinks

*Dictamnus albus* Gas Plant

*Echinops* species Globe Thistle

*Eupatorium* species Joe-Pie Weed

Ferns Outdoor ones

*Fritallaria Imperialis* Crown Imperial

*Gypsophila paniculata* Baby's Breath

*Iberis sempervirens* Candytuft

*Lavandula* species Lavender

*Lilium lancifolium* Tiger Lily

*Limonium latifolium* Statice

*Linum perenne* Perennial Blue Flax

*Matteuccia struthiopteris* Ostrich Fern

*Mentha* species Mint

*Monarda didyma* Beebalm

*Myrrhis odorata* Sweet Cicely

*Nepeta* species Catmint

*Oenothera* species Evening Primrose

*Origanum* species Oregano

*Osmunda claytoniana* Interrupted Fern

*Papaver orientale* Oriental Poppy

*Platycodon grandiflorus* Balloon Flower

*Polystichum acrostichoides* Christmas Fern

*Primula* species Primrose

*Ranunculus* species Buttercup

*Rosmarinus officinalis* Rosemary

*Saponaria* species Soapwort

*Solidago* species Goldenrod

*Tanacetum* species Tansy

*Verbascum* species Mullein

*Vinca major* Greater Periwinkle

*Yucca* species Yucca

### **Perennial Ground Covers Rarely Eaten**

*Aegopodium Podagraria* Bishop's Weed

*Asperula odorata* Sweet Woodruff

*Linaria* species Toadflax

*Lythrum* species Loosestrife

*Mentha Pulegium* Pennyroyal

*Mitchella repens* Partridgeberry

*Myosotis scorpiodes* Forget-Me-Not

*Narcissus* species Daffodil

*Oenothera tetragona* Sundnoos

*Onodea sensibilis* Sensitive Fern

*Osmunda cinnamornea* Cinnamon Fern

*Osmunda regalis* Royal Fern

*Phalaris arundinacea* Ribbon Grass

*Polimonium caeruleum* Jacob's Ladder

*Potentilla* species Cinquefoil

*Pulmonaria* species Lungwort

*Rheum* species Rhubarb

*Salvia* species Sage

*Scilla* species Scilla

*Stachys byzantina* Lambs Ear

*Thelypteris noveboracensis* New York Fern

*Veronica latifolia* Hungarian Speedwell

*Viola labridorica* Labrador Violet

*Ajuga reptans* Bugleweed

*Convalaria majallis* Lily-of-the-Valley

*Epimedium* species Barrenwort

*Lamium* species Dead Nettle

*Pachysandra terminalis* Japanese Pachysandra

*Vinca minor* Periwinkle

### **Perennial Vines Rarely Eaten**

*Celastrus* species Bittersweet

*Clematis* species Clematis

*Lonicera* species Honeysuckle

*Wisteria* species Wisteria

### **Trees and Shrubs Rarely Eaten**

*Berberis* species Barberry

*Berberis vulgaris* Common Barberry

*Betula papyrifera* Paper Birch

*Buxus sempervirens* Common Boxwood

*Elaeagnus angustifolia* Russian Olive

*Ilex opaca* American Holly

*Leucothoe fontanesiana* Drooping Leucothoe

*Picea pungens* Colorado Blue Spruce

*Pieris Japonica* Mountain Lily

### **Annuals and Biennials Sometimes Eaten**

*Achimenes* sp. Pansy

*Helianthus Annus* Sunflowers

### **Perennials and Vines Sometimes Eaten**

*Endymion* sp. Wood Hyacinth

*Geranium maculatum* Geranium, Cranesbill

*Hedera Helix* English Ivy

*Iris Pseudacorus* Yellow Flag water iris

*Paeonia* sp. Peony

*Rudbeckia* sp. Black Eyed Susan

*Sedum Spectabile* Autumn Joy Sedum & Others

*Thaicttrum* sp. Meadow Rue

### **Annuals and Biennials Often Eaten**

*Alcea rosea* Hollyhocks

*Impatiens* sp. Impatiens

*Tithonia Rotundifolia* Mexican Sunflower

### **Perennials Often Eaten**

*Crocus* sp Crocus

*Hemerocallis* Hybrids Daylily

*Hosta* Hybrids Hosta, Plantain Lily

*Lobelia Cardinalis* Cardinal Flower

*Phlox* sp. Phlox

*Rosa* sp. Roses

*Tulipa* sp. Tulips

### **Trees and Shrubs Seldom Eaten**

*Acer Palmatum* Japanese Maples

*Chamaecyparis Pisifera filifera* Golden Cypress

*Calastrus scandens* American Bittersweet

*Boxwood* species Boxwood

*Cornus kousa* Kousa Dogwood

*Crataegus laevigata* English Hawthorn

*Enkianthus campanulatus* European Beech

*Forsythia* species Forsythia

*Ilex cornuta* Chinese Holly

*Juniperus chinensis* Chinese Junipers

*Kolkwitzia amabilis* Beautybush

*Phormium* New Zealand Flax

*Picea glauca* White Spruce

*Pinus nigra* Austrian Pine

*Pinus rigida* Pitch Pine

*Prunus serrulata* Japanese Flowering

*Sassafras albidum* Common Sassafras

*Syringa vulgaris* Common Lilac

*Betula pendula* European Wt Birch

*Bamboo* Nandina Bamboo

*Betula pendula* European White Birch

*Buddleia* species Butterfly Bush

*Cornus sencea* Red Osier Dogwood

*Daphne* species Daphne

*Erica* species Heather & Heaths

*Gleditsia triacanthos* Honey Locust

*Ilex glabra* Inkberry

*Kalmia latifolia* Mountain Laurel

*Leylandii Cypress* Leyland Cypress

*Picea abies* Norway Spruce

*Pinus mugo* Mugo Pine

*Pinus resinosa* Red Pine

*Pinus sylvestris* Scots Pine

*Salix matsudana tortuosa* Corkscrew Willow

*Spartium junceum* Spanish Broom

*Wisteria floribunda* Japanese Wisteria

### **Trees and Shrubs Occasionally Eaten**

*Ligustrum* Privet

*Salix* sp Willows

*Mahonia Aquafolia* Oregon Grape

*Syringa* sp Lilacs

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### **Trees and Shrubs Often Eaten**

*Prunus pisardi nigra* Purple Leaf Flowering Plum    *Prunus* sp Cherry & Plums

*Malus* sp. Apples

*Prunus* Plums

*Rhododendron* sp. Rhododendrons

*Taxus* sp. Yew

*Thuja Occidentalis* Arborvitae