



## DEER TOLERANT/RESISTANT NATIVE PERENNIALS

There are no truly deer resistant or tolerant plants; any plant when eaten repeatedly will eventually succumb. Deer will eat ANYTHING if they are hungry enough. Also, plants left untouched in one area may be a favorite in another. Nevertheless, the following list is a compilation of native plant species taken from a combination of staff observation over a period of years and several existing lists of “deer-proof plants.”

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Bloom Season</u>	<u>Bloom Color</u>
Allegheny spurge	<i>Pachysandra procumbens</i>	6"	spring	white, pink
Blue false indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	3-4'	spring	blue
Dutchman's-breeches	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	1'	spring	white
Eastern columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	1-2'	spring	red
Fringed bleeding heart	<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	1'-18"	spring	pink
Golden ragwort	<i>Packera aurea</i>	1'	spring	yellow
Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	1'-18"	spring	green
Mayapple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	1'	spring	white
Monkshood	<i>Aconitum uncinatum</i>	3-5'	spring	blue, purple
Virginia bluebells	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	1'	spring	blue
Wild ginger	<i>Asarum canadensis</i>	6"	spring	maroon
Nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	1-2'	spring - summer	pink
Wood geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	1-2'	spring - summer	pink, purple
Black cohosh	<i>Actaea racemosa</i>	3-5'	summer	white
Blazing-star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	3-4'	summer	purple
Blue flag iris	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	2-3'	summer	purple
Butterfly-weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	1-2'	summer	orange
Eastern prickly-pear cactus	<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	6"-1'	summer	yellow
Flowering spurge	<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	1-3'	summer	white
Foxglove beard-tongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	2-4'	summer	white

Goat's-beard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	3-6'	summer	white
Milkweed, swamp	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	2-4'	summer	pink, purple
Mountain-mint, hoary	<i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i>	2-3'	summer	purple, white
Mountain-mint, short-toothed	<i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i>	2-3'	summer	purple, white
Purple-giant hyssop	<i>Agastache scrophulariifolia</i>	3-5'	summer	purple
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	3-4'	summer	yellow
Swamp rose-mallow	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	4-5'	summer	pink, white
Tall tickseed	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	3-6'	summer	yellow
Threadleaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i>	1-3'	summer	yellow
Wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	3-4'	summer	pink, purple
Aster, aromatic	<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>	1-3'	fall	blue, purple
Elephant's foot	<i>Elephantopus carolinianus</i>	2-3'	fall	purple

### Grasses and Sedges

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Bloom Season</u>	<u>Bloom Color</u>
Pennsylvania sedge	<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	6-18"	spring	wheat
Bottlebrush grass	<i>Elymus hystrix</i>	3-5'	spring - summer	wheat
Sea-oats; River-oats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	2-5'	summer	green
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	3-5'	summer - fall	wheat
Switch grass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	3-6'	summer - fall	pink

### Ferns

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Leaf Retention</u>	<u>Light</u>
Christmas fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	1-2'	evergreen	pt.-full shade
Cinnamon fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	2-4'	deciduous	pt.-full shade
Ostrich fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	3-4'	deciduous	pt.-full shade
Royal fern	<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	3-4'	deciduous	pt.-full shade
Sensitive fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	1-3'	deciduous	pt.-full shade