

Deer & Bunny Resistant Perennials

A list of perennials for Colorado gardens that are less likely to be browsed by deer and rabbits



Deer Resistant Perennials for Full Sun

Common Name

Botanic Name

Baskets of Gold	<i>Aurinia</i>
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda</i>
Blackeyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia</i>
Blue Flax	<i>Linum</i>
Blue Star	<i>Amsonia</i>
Catmint	<i>Nepeta</i>
Cushion Spurge	<i>Euphorbia</i>
Falling Star	<i>Crocsmia</i>
False Indigo	<i>Baptisia</i>
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>
Geum	<i>Avens</i>
Horehound	<i>Marrubium</i>
Hyssop	<i>Agastache</i>
Iris	<i>Iris varieties</i>
Poppy	<i>Papaver</i>
Lamb's Ear	<i>Stachys</i>
Lavender	<i>Lavandula varieties</i>
Lavender Cotton	<i>Santolina</i>
Obedient Plant	<i>Physostegia</i>
Orange Carpet Mint	<i>Zauschneria</i>
Ornamental Onion	<i>Allium</i>

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Pasque Flower	<i>Pulsatilla</i>
Peony	<i>Paeonia</i>
Beard Tongue	<i>Penstemon varieties</i>
Pincushion	<i>Scabiosa</i>
Red Birds in a Tree	<i>Scrophularia</i>
Red Hot Poker	<i>Kniphofia</i>
Sage	<i>Salvia varieties</i>
Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium</i>
Sea Pinks	<i>Armeria</i>
Shasta Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum</i>
Silver Lace/Mound	<i>Artemesia</i>
Skullcap	<i>Scutillaria</i>
Soapwort	<i>Saponaria</i>
Spurge	<i>Euphorbia</i>
Snow Daisy	<i>Tanacetum</i>
Thyme	<i>Thymus varieties</i>
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis</i>
Trumpet Vine	<i>Campsis</i>
Veronica	<i>Veronica</i>
Whirling Butterflies	<i>Gaura</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i>



Deer Resistant Perennials for Shade

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Bugleweed	<i>Ajuga varieties</i>
Anemone	<i>Anemone varieties</i>
Bleeding Heart	<i>Dicentra</i>
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i>
Creeping Jenny	<i>Lysimachia</i>
Dead Nettle	<i>Lamium</i>
English Ivy	<i>Hedera Helix</i>
False Goats Beard	<i>Astilbe</i>

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Foxglove	<i>Digitalis</i>
Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium</i>
Japanese Painted Fern	<i>Athyrium</i>
Lenten Rose	<i>Hellebores</i>
Siberian Bugloss	<i>Brunnera</i>
Solomon Seal	<i>Polygonatum</i>
Sweet Woodruff	<i>Gallium</i>
Periwinkle	<i>Vinca Minor</i>



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Bee Balm	<i>Monarda</i>	Lavender	<i>Lavandula</i>
Blanket Flower	<i>Gaillardia</i>	Orange Carpet Mint	<i>Zauscheneria</i>
Candy Tuft	<i>Iberis</i>	Pasque Flower	<i>Pulsatilla</i>
Catmint	<i>Nepeta</i>	Beard Tongue	<i>Penstemon varieties</i>
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i>	Potentilla	<i>Cinquefoil</i>
Daisies	<i>Leucanthemum</i>	Poppies	<i>Papaver</i>
Daylilies	<i>Hemerocalis</i>	Red Birds in a Tree	<i>Scrophularia</i>
Desert 4 o' Clocks	<i>Mirabilis</i>	Red Hot Poker	<i>Kniphofia</i>
Falling Star	<i>Crocasmia</i>	Sage-Russian	<i>Perovskia</i>
False Indigo	<i>Baptisia</i>	Sage-Garden	<i>Salvia varieties</i>
Gayfeather	<i>Liatris</i>	Sea Holly	<i>Eryngium</i>
Perennial Geraniums	<i>Geranium</i>	Silver Mound/Lace	<i>Artemesia</i>
Geum	<i>Avens</i>	Snow in Summer	<i>Cerastium</i>
Globe Thistle	<i>Echinops</i>	Spurge	<i>Euphorbia</i>
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>	Sedum	<i>Sedum</i>
Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus</i>	Thyme	<i>Thymus</i>
Hollyhock	<i>Alcea</i>	Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis</i>
Hyssop	<i>Agastache</i>	Verbena	<i>Verbena</i>
Indian Blanket	<i>Gaillardia</i>	Veronica	<i>Veronica</i>
Lamb's Ear	<i>Stachys</i>	Mullein	<i>Verbascum</i>
Larkspur	<i>Delphinium</i>	Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i>



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Anemone	<i>Anemone varieties</i>	Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla</i>
Astilbe	<i>Astilbe</i>	Dead Nettle	<i>Lamium</i>
Bishop's Weed	<i>Epimedium</i>	Leopard's Bane	<i>Doronicum</i>
Bleeding Hearts	<i>Dicentra</i>	Lily of the Valley	<i>Convallaria</i>
Bugloss	<i>Brunerra</i>	Lobelia	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>
Bugleweed	<i>Ajuga</i>	Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria</i>
Climbing Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea</i>	Meadowrue	<i>Thalictrum</i>
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i>	Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula</i>
Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera</i>	Pigsqueak	<i>Bergenia</i>
False Goats Beard	<i>Astilbe</i>	Plumbago	<i>Ceratostigma</i>
Foamy Bells	<i>Tiarella</i>	Primrose	<i>Primula</i>
Forget Me Nots	<i>Myosotis</i>	Solomon Seal	<i>Polygonatum</i>
Hosta	<i>Hosta</i>	Sweet Woodruff	<i>Galium</i>
Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium</i>	Vinca	<i>Vinca</i>
Japanese Spurge	<i>Pachysandra</i>		

Note: If a deer or rabbit is hungry enough, they may browse plants that they usually avoid. As such, **no plant is truly deer or bunny-proof**. To secure your plants, you may want to try surrounding more enticing plants with barrier plants like sage, lavender, daisies, and hyssop.