



NATIVE OHIO PLANTS THAT ARE DEER RESISTANT

Deciduous Trees/Shrubs

Black Locust – *Robinia pseudoacacia*
Sassafras – *Sassafras albidum*
Sweetgum – *Liquidambar styraciflura*
Serviceberry - *Amelanchier arborea*
Arrowwood – *Viburnum dentatum*
Spicebush – *Lindera benzoin*
Staghorn Sumac – *Rhus typhina*
Flowering Dogwood – *Cornus florida*
Bald Cypress – *Taxodium distichum*
Sycamore – *Platanus occidentalis*
River Birch – *Betula nigra*
American Beech – *Fagus grandifolia*

Evergreen Trees

Eastern Red Cedar – *Juniperus virginica*
Eastern Hemlock – *Tsuga Canadensis*

Grasses

Switchgrass – *Panicum virgatum*
Sedges – *Carex spp.*
Big Bluestem – *Andropogon gerardii*
Little Bluestem – *Schizachyrium scoparium*
Prairie Dropseed – *Sporobolus heterolepis*

Ferns

Sensitive Fern – *Onoclea sensibilis*
Christmas Fern – *Polystichum acrostichoides*
Wood Fern – *Dryopteris marginalis*
Ostrich Fern – *Matteuccia struthiopteris*



Perennials

Coreopsis – *Coreopsis tinctoria*
Common milkweed – *Asclepias syriaca*
Swamp Milkweed – *Asclepias incarnata*
Black-eyed Susan – *Rudbeckia hirta*
Purple Coneflower – *Echinacea purpurea*
Sedum/Wild Stonecrop – *Sedum ternatum*
Wild onion – *Allium spp.*
Trumpet Creeper – *Campsis radicans*
Ironweed – *Vernonia gigantea*
Joe-pye Weed – *Eupatorium fistulosum*

This list has been compiled using only information that has gone through various methods of testing of deer deterrence. However, there is almost no plant that is “deer proof” and any plant has the potential for deer browse depending on the situation and habitat it is in. The intent of this list is to give you the best chance of drastically reducing deer eating your plants while utilizing native plant species.