



Deer-Resistant Native Plants

While no plants are deer-proof, the plants on this list are often avoided.

Trees and Shrubs

Common Name	Scientific Name	Light Requirement	Moisture Requirement
Hawthorns	<i>Crataegus</i> spp	full sun	low
Tamarack	<i>Larix laricina</i>	full sun	medium-high
Red pine	<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	full-part sun	low
Tag alder	<i>Alnus incana</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Witch hazel	<i>Hammamelis</i> spp	full-part sun	medium-high
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Shrubby cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	full-part sun	low-medium
Beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	part sun	
Paper birch	<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	full sun-full shade	medium-high
Balsam fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	full sun-full shade	medium-high
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i> spp	full sun-full shade	low-medium
Eastern red cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	full sun-full shade	low
Common juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	full sun-full shade	low
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	full sun-full shade	low-high
Viburnum	<i>Viburnum</i> spp	full sun-full shade	low-high

Herbaceous Plants

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Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	full sun	medium-high
Rattlesnake master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	full sun	low-medium
Big bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	full sun	low-high
Prairie dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	full sun	low-medium
Eastern prickly pear	<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	full sun	low
Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	full sun	low
Goldenrods	<i>Solidago</i> spp	full sun	low-high
Blue flag iris	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	full sun	high-very high
Pennsylvania sedge	<i>Carex pennsylvanica</i>	full-part sun	low-medium
Northern oats	<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	full-part sun	low-high
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Plantain-leaf sedge	<i>Carex plantaginea</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
American bittersweet	<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Bearberry	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Milkweeds	<i>Asclepia</i> spp	full-part sun	medium-high
Cardinal flower/lobelias	<i>Lobelia</i> spp	full-part sun	medium-high
Purple prairie clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia</i> spp	full-part sun	low-medium

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Vervains	<i>Verbena</i> spp	full-part sun	medium-high
Angelica	<i>Angelica atropurpurea</i>	full-part sun	medium-very high
Bergamots/bee balms/horseminths	<i>Monarda</i> spp	full-part sun	low-high
Culver's root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Flase boneset	<i>Brickellia eupatorioides</i>	full-part sun	low
Ironweed	<i>Veronia missurica</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Nodding wild onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Obedient plant	<i>Physotegia virginiana</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Trumpet honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	full-part sun	medium-high
Feathery false Solomon's seal	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	part sun	medium
Dutchman's breeches	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	part sun	medium moisture
Ostrich fern	<i>Matteuccia struthiopteris</i>	full-part shade	high
Silver sedge	<i>Carex platyphylla</i>	full-part shade	medium
Wild columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	full-part shade	low-medium
Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema</i> spp	full-part shade	medium-high
Wild ginger	<i>Asarum canadensis</i>	full-part shade	medium-high
Bishop's cap	<i>Mitella diphylla</i>	full-part shade	high
Baneberries	<i>Actaea</i> spp	full-part shade	high
Bottlebrush sedge	<i>Leymus mollis</i>	full-part shade	low-high

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