

**Shade perennials
for DEER areas**

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Plant Name	Height & Spread	Evergreen or Deciduous	Description	Photo
<p>Spotted Dead Nettle <i>Lamium</i> 'Beacon Silver'</p> 	<p>6-8 inches tall 1-2 feet wide but can spread indefinitely</p>	<p>Semi-evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Heart-shaped, silvery-white leaves with green edges form a lush groundcover. Small, pale pink flowers starting in mid-spring. Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Japanese Sacred Lily <i>Rohdea japonica</i></p> 	<p>6-12 inches tall 6-12 inches wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Tropical-looking plant with thick dark green blades. Insignificant, pale yellow flowers in spring. Cones of bright red berries provide winter interest. Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>'Summer Sunshine' Germander <i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i> 'Summer Sunshine'</p> 	<p>6-12 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Small, glossy golden-green leaves with serrated edges. Purple-rose flower spikes in summer makes nice contrast against foliage. Deer rating: 8/10</p>	

<p>Bleeding Heart <i>Dicentra</i></p>	<p>12-18 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>	<p>Deciduous (melts to ground for winter)</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Delicate, fern-like grayish-green foliage. Long-blooming bell shaped flowers starting in late spring. Blooms may be pink or white.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Royal Purple Lily Turf <i>Liriope muscari</i> 'Royal Purple'</p> 	<p>12-18 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Grass-like green blades year-round. Spikes of deep purple flowers rise above foliage in summer.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Lady Lenton Rose <i>Helleborus</i></p> 	<p>12-18 inches tall 1-2 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Thick, green leaves year-round. Showy, often drooping flowers in late winter and early spring. Many flower colors including white, yellow, pink, purple, and a mix.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Golden Oregano <i>Origanum</i> 'Aureum'</p> 	<p>12-18 inches tall 12-18 inches wide</p>	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Low mound of golden yellow leaves. Leaves are aromatic which deter deer. Spikes of pink, trumpet-shaped flowers in summer.</p> <p>Deer rating: 10/10</p>	

<p>False Goat's Beard <i>Astilbe</i></p>	<p>1-3 foot tall 1-2 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous Hardy to minus 30 degrees</p>	<p>Glossy, fern-like green foliage. Airy, plume-like flowers rise above leaves in summer. Flowers may be red, white, pink, or lilac. Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Pestilence Wort <i>Petasites hybridus</i></p>	<p>2-3 feet tall 3-5 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Giant rhubarb-like green leaves spring-fall, melts away for winter. Very unique, pinkish flower spike emerge in early spring before leaves. Flowers are loved by bees. Deer rating: 7/10</p>	
<p>Common Foxglove <i>Digitalis purpurea</i></p> 	<p>3-5 feet tall 1-2 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Tall spires of tubular, rosy-purple flowers in summer. Flowers have speckled throats and rise from a rosette of oblong, deep green leaves. <i>Toxic if ingested. Considered a biennial or short-lived perennial.</i> Deer rating: 10/10</p>	

Ferns	Depends on variety – some as small as 1 foot tall and wide, some up to 6 feet or larger	Evergreen Cold tolerance depends on variety	Delicate foliage can be dark green, light green, or with hints of orange. Like moist, shaded areas. Some favorite varieties: Western Sword Fern, Giant Chain Fern, Autumn Fern Deer rating: 9/10	
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→ this symbol indicates plants that can survive drought once established. It takes 1-2 years of regular watering for a plant to be fully established. In general, plants will look better with regular water, but drought-tolerant plants can survive times when water is not available.

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<p>Wild Ginger <i>Asarum caudatum</i></p>	<p>4-6 inches tall 1-2 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Green, heart-shaped leaves release a spicy, ginger-and-citrus fragrance when crushed. Purplish-brown flowers in early summer. Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Douglas Iris <i>Iris douglasiana</i></p> <p>Handles summer drought after a wet winter</p>	<p>18-24 inches tall 2-4 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Clumps of sword-shaped, arching green blades. Flowers in spring. Usually flowers blue-purple but can range from pale cream to yellow to reddish-purple. Low water needs once established. Deer rating: 10/10</p>	 <p>© Robert Perry</p>
<p>Monkey Flower <i>Mimulus</i></p> 	<p>1-3 feet tall 1-2 feet wide</p>	<p>Semi-evergreen Hardy to 20 degrees</p>	<p>Narrow, sticky dark green leaves. Numerous frilly flowers in summer have some resemblance to a monkey's face. Usually flowers yellow, orange, or red. Deer rating: 8/10</p>	