

**Full sun: perennials
for DEER areas**

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Plant Name	Height & Spread	Evergreen or Deciduous	Description	Photo
Creeping Phlox <i>Phlox subulate</i>  	2-3 inches tall 3-4 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to minus 20 degrees	Showy spring flowers, usually around March and/or April <i>Flowers pale blue, purple, pink, pink-red, or white</i> Deer rating: 10/10	
Spreading Germander <i>Teucrium majoricum</i>  	3-4 inches tall 3-4 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Grey-green foliage. Flowers begin early summer and continue until a frost. Loved by bees. <i>Purple-pink blooms</i> Deer rating: 8/10	
Cheddar Pink <i>Dianthus</i>  	6-8 inches tall 8-12 inches wide	Evergreen Hardy to minus 15 degrees	Long-blooming, beginning in early spring. Flowers smell like cloves, may need to be dead-headed to keep plant looking neat. Grassy green foliage. <i>Blooms are usually pink or red, some varieties have white variegation.</i> Deer rating: 9/10	

Lambs Ear <i>Stachys byzantine</i> 	18-12 inches tall 18-24 inches wide	Semi-evergreen Hardy to minus 15 degrees	Fuzzy grey leaves. Unusual flowers resemble cotton balls along stem above foliage. Blooms late spring to early summer. <i>Flowers are mostly white with touches of purple.</i> Deer rating: 8/10	
Tickseed <i>Coreopsis</i> 	12-18 inches tall 12-18 inches wide	Deciduous Hardy to minus 10 degrees	Wispy green foliage melts away for winter, returns in spring. Cheery yellow flowers all summer. <i>Flowers yellow, red, or a mix of both</i> Deer rating: 9/10	
Wallflower <i>Erysimum</i> 	1-2 foot tall 1-3 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees	Showy blooms above foliage in spring. Very vibrant. Flowers may need to be cut back after bloom to keep plant tidy. <i>Flowers orange or purple</i> Deer rating: 9/10	
Wandflower (Gaura) <i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> 	1-3 foot tall 1-2 feet wide	Deciduous (melts to ground for winter) Hardy to minus 15 degrees	Long-blooming, flowers above foliage starting in early summer <i>Flowers pink, pink with white, or white</i> Deer rating: 7/10	

Catmint <i>Nepeta</i> 	24-30 inches tall 2-3 feet wide 	Semi-evergreen Hardy to minus 20 degrees	Fragrant foliage is an attractive grey-green. Very showy and long-blooming, purple flower spikes begin in late spring. Deer rating: 9/10	
Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 	2-3 feet tall 1-2 feet wide 	Deciduous (melts to ground for winter) Hardy to minus 15 degrees	Long-blooming, starting in early summer <i>Flowers purple, white, pink, red, or a mix ('Cheyenne Spirit' variety blooms multiple colors)</i> Deer rating: 7/10 <i>(deer may eat flower, not usually foliage)</i>	
Autumn Sage <i>Salvia greggii</i> 	2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide 	Semi-evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Long-blooming, early summer until a frost <i>Flowers pink, red, white, purple, blue, or yellow</i> Deer rating: 9/10	
Blanket Flower <i>Gaillardia</i> 	1-3 feet tall 1-3 feet wide 	Deciduous (melts to ground for winter) Hardy to minus 20 degrees	Long-blooming, early summer through fall <i>Flowers orange and yellow</i> Deer rating: 8/10	

Lavender <i>Lavandula</i> 	2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to minus 15 degrees	Long-blooming, early summer until a frost <i>Flowers purple</i> *Spanish Lavender blooms in spring and has a ball-shaped flower Deer rating: 9/10	
Gopher Spurge <i>Euphorbia</i> 	2-4 feet tall 2-4 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to minus 10 degrees	Colorful foliage, yellow spring flowers. Irritable milky substance within plant repels gophers and deer. <i>Foliage may be red-purple, green, blue-green, or yellow variegated</i> Deer rating: 9/10	
Black Eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> 	2-4 feet tall 1-3 feet wide (and spreads by seed) 	Deciduous (melts to ground for winter) Hardy to minus 20 degrees	Long-blooming, early summer until a frost <i>Flowers yellow with brown center or with shades of orange</i> Deer rating: 7/10 <i>(deer may eat flower, not usually foliage)</i>	
Russian Sage <i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i> 	2-4 feet tall 2-4 feet wide 	Deciduous (melts to ground for winter) Hardy to minus 15 degrees	Wispy, grey- green, fragrant foliage. Delicate, lavender-blue flowers begin in early summer. <i>'Little Spire' variety only grows 1.5-2 feet tall.</i> Deer rating: 9/10	



→ this symbol indicates plants that can survive drought once established. It typically takes 1-2 years of regular water for a new plant to be established. In general, plants look better with regular water, but drought-tolerant plants can survive times when water is not available.



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Seaside Daisy <i>Erigeron glaucus</i> 	8-12 inches tall 18-24 inches wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees	Blue-green leaves mat close to ground. Long-blooming with daisy-like flowers spring to fall. Blooms purple or almost white with yellow center. Deer rating: 8/10	
Woolly Sunflower <i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> 'Siskiyou' 	10-12 inches tall 2-3 feet wide	Evergreen Hardy to minus 15 degrees	Lush, grey-green woolly foliage forms low mat. Cheery golden-yellow daisy flowers beginning in spring. Long-blooming. Deer rating: 9/10	

Coyote Mint <i>Monardella odorissima</i> 	12-18 inches tall 2-3 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees	Member of mint family. Mounding plant with grey-green aromatic leaves. Tight heads of white to purple flowers in summer. Drought-tolerant once established. Deer rating: 9/10	
Pacific Coast Hybrid Iris <i>Iris PCH</i> 	12-18 inches tall 2-3 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 5 degrees	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. Deer rating: 9/10	
Meadow Penstemon <i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> 	18-24 inches tall 2-3 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Deep green, narrow leaves. Spikes of tubular, violet-blue flowers begin in late spring. Very striking flowers. Deer rating: 8/10	
California Aster <i>Aster chilensis</i> ‘Purple Haze’ 	2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide <i>Spreads vigorously by rhizomes in wet areas</i> 	Deciduous Hardy to 10 degrees	Attractive foliage consists of narrowly oval green leaves. Lavender-purple daisy flowers in summer. Long-blooming. Drought-tolerant once established. Deer rating: 10/10	

Monkeyflower <i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i> 	3-4 feet tall 2-3 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Sticky green leaves. Blooms spring-summer with showy flowers that are usually yellow or orange, but some varieties have red. Deer rating: 8/10	
Pozo Blue Sage <i>Salvia x 'Pozo Blue'</i> 	3-4 feet tall 3-4 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 15 degrees	Grey-green fragrant foliage. Tall, showy spikes of violet-blue flowers in summer. Loved by hummingbirds. Drought-tolerant once established. Deer rating: 9/10	