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<b>Rosemary</b> <i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> 	Creeping: 1 foot tall, 6 feet spread  Upright: 3-4 feet tall and wide	Evergreen  <i>Hardy to 15 degrees</i>	Fragrant foliage. Purple winter flowers. Culinary uses. Creeping makes good groundcover. Upright makes good hedge.  <b>Deer rating: 10/10</b>	
<b>Spirea</b> <i>Spiraea japonica</i> 	2-4 feet tall 2-4 feet spread	Deciduous  <i>Hardy to minus 25 degrees</i>	Leaves may be green or yellow/orange depending on variety. Flat pink flowers in summer. Showy fall color.  <b>Deer rating: 9/10</b>	
<b>Dwarf Yaupon Holly</b> <i>Ilex vomitoria 'Nana'</i> 	3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet spread	Evergreen  <i>Hardy to 10 degrees</i>	Slow-growing. Green, holly foliage. Greenish-white, insignificant flowers in summer. Rounded shape.  <b>Deer rating: 9/10</b>	



<b>Bush Germander</b> <i>Teucrium fruticans</i> 	4-5 feet tall 4-5 feet spread  *‘Compacta’ variety has tighter growth and only reaches 2-3 feet tall and wide	Evergreen  Hardy to 10 degrees	Grey-green leaves with silvery-white undersides gives whole plant a soft silver appearance. Deep blue flowers at branch tips in summer.  <b>Deer rating: 9/10</b>	
<b>Barberry</b> <i>Berberis</i>  (Moderately drought-tolerant once established)	2-6 feet tall 3-5 feet spread	Most are deciduous  Hardy to minus 25 degrees	Favorite varieties have showy red or purple leaves. Small yellow flowers in early summer, red berries in fall.  Most popular varieties: Crimson Pygmy, Rose Glow, Red Rocket, Red Japanese  <b>Deer rating: 9/10</b>	
<b>Noell's Grevillea</b> <i>Grevillea</i>  (Moderately drought-tolerant once established)	3-4 feet tall 3-4 feet spread	Evergreen  Hardy to 15 degrees	Prickly pine-like foliage. Red-pink flowers in early spring.  <b>Deer rating: 8/10</b>	
<b>Boxwood</b> <i>Buxus</i> 	3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet spread	Evergreen  Hardy to 0 degrees (foliage turns bronze in cold winter)	Slow-growing. Glossy green (or yellow variegated) foliage turns bronze during cold of winter. Insignificant white flowers in spring. Popular as hedge or topiary.  <b>Deer rating: 10/10</b>	



<b>Myrtle</b> <i>Myrtus communis</i> 	3-6 feet tall (or more with time) 2-5 feet spread	Evergreen  Hardy to 15 degrees (may burn in cold winter)	Slow-growing. Fragrant green foliage, small white flowers in early summer. Leaves may be green or yellow variegated. Blue berries in fall. Good hedge.  <b>Deer rating: 9/10</b>	
<b>Oleander</b> <i>Nerium</i> 	8-12 feet tall 8-12 feet spread	Evergreen  Hardy to 15 degrees (may burn in cold winter)	Long-blooming flowers from early summer until a frost. Flowers red, pink or white (white grows fastest and largest). Toxic when ingested.  <b>Deer rating: 10/10</b>	
<b>Chaste Tree</b> <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i> 	10-15 feet tall 10-15 feet spread  *there are dwarf varieties that stay under 6 feet	Deciduous  Hardy to minus 10 degrees	Green, five-fingered leaves and beautiful flower spikes in summer. Flowers can be lilac, white, or purple. Violet berries.  <b>Deer rating: 7/10 (may need some protection until out of deer reach)</b>	
<b>Pineapple Guava</b> <i>Feijoa sellowiana</i> 	12-15 feet tall 12-15 feet spread	Evergreen  Hardy to 15 degrees	Grey-green leaves similar to olive leaf. Red and white (edible) flowers in early summer. Edible fruit in December.  <b>Deer rating: 8/10</b>	








→ 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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<b>Mountain Spirea</b> <i>Spiraea densiflora</i> 	2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide	Deciduous  <i>Hardy to minus 10 degrees</i>	Green leaves on reddish stems. Fragrant, bright, rosy pink pompom flowers in summer. Fall color is a mix of reds and oranges. Drought-tolerant once established.  <b>Deer rating: 10/10</b>	
<b>Oregon Grape</b> <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> 	3-6 feet tall 2-5 feet wide	Evergreen  <i>Hardy to minus 10 degrees</i>	Glossy, leathery, holly-like green leaves turn reddish in the fall. Bright yellow flower clusters in spring. Blue-black berry in summer. Drought-tolerant once established, but looks best with moderate water.  <b>Deer rating: 10/10</b>	
<b>Coffeeberry</b> <i>Rhamnus</i> 	4-6 feet tall 4-6 feet wide  <i>*there are many varieties, height and spread may vary</i>	Evergreen  <i>Hardy to 5 degrees</i>	Leathery, dark green leaves. Insignificant yellow-green flowers attract pollinators. Showy berries start green and mature to red-black. Berries are loved by birds. Drought-tolerant once established.  <b>Deer rating: 8/10</b>	