

Deer & Bunny Resistant Perennials

A list of perennials for Colorado gardens that are less likely to be browsed by deer and rabbits



Deer Resistant Perennials for Full Sun

Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name
Baskets of Gold	<i>Aurinia</i>	Orange Carpet	<i>Zauscheneria</i>
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda</i>	Pasque Flower	<i>Pulsatilla</i>
Blackeyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia</i>	Peony	<i>Paeonia</i>
Blue Flax	<i>Linum</i>	Penstemon	(all kinds)
Blue Mist Spirea	<i>Caryopteris</i>	Pincushion	<i>Scabiosa</i>
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleia</i>	Red Birds in a Tree	<i>Scrophularia</i>
Catmint	<i>Nepeta</i>	Red Hot Poker	<i>Kniphofia</i>
Creeping Thyme	(all kinds)	Sage	(all kinds)
Cushion Spurge	<i>Euphorbia</i>	Sea Lavender	<i>Limonium</i>
Falling Star	<i>Crococsmia</i>	Sea Pinks	<i>Armeria</i>
False Indigo	<i>Baptisia</i>	Shasta Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum</i>
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>	Silver Lace/Mound	<i>Artemesia</i>
Geum	<i>Avens</i>	Skullcap	<i>Scutillaria</i>
Horehound	<i>Marrubium</i>	Soapwort	<i>Saponaria</i>
Hyssop	<i>Agastache</i>	Spurge	<i>Euphorbia</i>
Iceland Poppy	<i>Papaver Nudicaule</i>	Snow Daisy	<i>Tanacetum</i>
Lamb's Ear	<i>Stachys</i>	Mullein	<i>Verbascum</i>
Lavender	(all kinds)	Verbena	<i>Verbena</i>
Lavender Cotton	<i>Santolina</i>	Veronica	<i>Veronica</i>
Moonbeam/Zagreb	<i>Tickseed Coreopsis</i>	Whirling Butterflies	<i>Gaura</i>
Obedient Plant	<i>Physostegia</i>	Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i>

Deer Resistant Perennials for Shade

Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name
Ajuga	(all kinds)	Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium</i>
Anemone (Snowdrop)	<i>Anemone Sylvestris</i>	Japanese Painted Fern	<i>Athyrium</i>
Bleeding Heart	<i>Dicentra</i>	Kinnikinnick	<i>Aretostaphylos</i>
Creeping Jenny	<i>Lysimachia</i>	Lenten Rose	<i>Hellebores</i>
Dead Nettle	<i>Lamium</i>	Siberian Bugloss	<i>Brunnera</i>
English Ivy	<i>Hedera Helix</i>	Solomon Seal	<i>Polygonatum</i>
Foxglove	<i>Digitalis</i>	Sweet Woodruff	<i>Gallium</i>
Grape Holly	<i>Mahonia</i>	Periwinkle	<i>Vinca Minor</i>

Bunny Resistant Perennials for Full Sun

Common Name	Botanic Name	Common Name	Botanic Name
Bee Balm	<i>Monarda</i>	Orange Carpet	<i>Zauscheneria</i>
Blanket Flower	<i>Gaillardia</i>	Pasque Flower	<i>Pulsatilla</i>
Blue Mist Spirea	<i>Caryopteris</i>	Penstemon	(all kinds)
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleia</i>	Potentilla	<i>Cinquefoil</i>
Candy Tuft	<i>Iberis</i>	Poppies	<i>Papaver</i>
Catmint	<i>Nepeta</i>	Red Birds in a Tree	<i>Scrophularia</i>
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i>	Red Hot Poker	<i>Kiphofia</i>
Daisies	<i>Leucanthemum</i>	Sage-Russian	<i>Perovskia</i>
Daylilies	<i>Hemerocalis</i>	Sage-Mexican	<i>Salvia darcyii</i>
Desert 4 o' Clocks	<i>Mirabilis</i>	Sage-Garden	<i>Salvia nemerosa</i>
Falling Star	<i>Crocoshia</i>	Sage-Furman's Red	<i>Salvia greggii</i>
False Indigo	<i>Baptisia</i>	Sage-Wild Thing	<i>Salvia greggi</i>
Gayfeather	<i>Liatris</i>	Sea Holly	<i>Eryngium</i>
Geraniums	<i>Avens</i>	Silver Mound/Lace	<i>Artemesia</i>
Geum	<i>Geranium</i>	Spurge	<i>Euphorbia</i>
Globe Thistle	<i>Echinops</i>	Tall Sedum	<i>Sedum</i>
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>	Thyme	<i>Thymus</i>
Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus</i>	Verbena	<i>Verbena</i>
Hyssop	<i>Agastache</i>	Veronica	<i>Veronica</i>
Lamb's Ear	<i>Stachys</i>	Mullein	<i>Verbascum</i>
Lavender	<i>Lavandula</i>	Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i>
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis</i>	Yucca	<i>Yucca</i>

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Anemone	<i>Anemone Sylvestris</i>	Lady's Mantle	<i>Alchemilla</i>
Astilbe	<i>Astilbe</i>	Dead Nettle	<i>Lamium</i>
Bergenia	<i>Bergenia</i>	Leopard's Bane	<i>Doronicum</i>
Bishop's Weed	<i>Epimedium</i>	Lily of the Valley	<i>Convallaria</i>
Bleeding Hearts	<i>Dicentra</i>	Lobelia	<i>Lobelia Cardinalis</i>
Bugloss	<i>Brunerra</i>	Lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria</i>
Bugleweed	<i>Ajuga</i>	Meadowrue	<i>Thalictrum</i>
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i>	Meadowsweet	<i>Filipendula</i>
Coral Bells	<i>Heuchera</i>	Plumbago	<i>Ceratostigma</i>
Foamy Bells	<i>Tiarella</i>	Primrose	<i>Primula</i>
Forget Me Nots	<i>Myosotis</i>	Solomon Seal	<i>Polygonatum</i>
Hosta	<i>Hosta</i>	Sweet Woodruff	<i>Galium</i>
Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium</i>	Vinca	<i>Vinca</i>
Japanese Spurge	<i>Pachysandra</i>		

Note: If a deer or rabbit is hungry enough, they may browse plants that they usually avoid. As such, **no plant is truly deer or bunny-proof**. To secure your plants, you may want to try surrounding more enticing plants with barrier plants like sage, lavender, daisies, and hyssop.