









**Shade: shrubs
for DEER areas**

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Plant Name	Height & Spread	Evergreen or Deciduous	Description	Photo
<p>Heather <i>Erica</i></p>  <p><i>Part shade, some handle full sun</i></p>	<p>12-18 inches tall 1-2 feet wide</p> <p><i>*some varieties grow a little smaller or a little bigger</i></p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to minus 10 degrees</p>	<p>Depending on variety, needle-like foliage may be green or yellow and bell flowers may be pink or white. Typically blooms in late winter.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	 <p><i>Erica x darleyensis 'Kramers Rote'</i></p>
<p>'Mickie' Rockrose <i>Cistus hybridus</i> 'Mickie'</p>   <p><i>Part shade, can handle full sun</i></p>	<p>1-2 feet tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Colorful yellow and green foliage provides a bright spot all year on a low mounding form. White flowers appear in late spring through early summer.</p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Spirea 'Limemound' <i>Spiraea japonica</i> 'Limemound'</p>  	<p>24-30 inches tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 30 degrees</p>	<p>Lime-yellow foliage gets even brighter in fall. Flat pink flowers in summer</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>'Firepower' Heavenly Bamboo <i>Nandina domestica</i> 'Firepower'</p>	<p>2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 10 degrees</p>	<p>New foliage has fresh green coloration, with red highlights as it ages. Turns bright red in cold of winter. <i>There are varieties that have lime-yellow foliage instead of green and red.</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 6/10</p>	

<p>Japanese Andromeda (Pieris) <i>Pieris japonica</i></p>	<p>2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide</p> <p><i>*more compact versions grow to 1-2 feet tall/wide and larger varieties can grow up to 5+ feet</i></p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Unique mounding shrub with green and/or variegated foliage. New growth emerges bright red. Clusters of dangling white or pink bell flowers in spring.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Upright St. Johns Wort <i>Hypericum</i></p>  <p><i>Part shade, can handle full sun</i></p>	<p>2-3 feet tall 3-4 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 10 degrees</p>	<p>Blue-ish green foliage creates a nice mound. Bright, sunny, golden-yellow flowers cover the plant in summer. 'Tricolor' variety has variegated foliage.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Winter Daphne <i>Daphne odora</i></p> 	<p>3-4 feet tall 2-4 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Mounding shrub with year-round interest. Light or dark green leaves have white edges. Rounded clusters of very fragrant, white-pink flowers in winter and early spring. Can be touchy – don't always take replanting well.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Sweetbox <i>Sarcococca ruscifolia</i></p>  	<p>3-4 feet tall 3-4 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 5 degrees</p>	<p>Compact shrub with glossy, oval-shaped leaves. Spring brings tiny white flowers that are very fragrant. Red berries follow flowers.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	

<p>Rhododendron <i>Rhododendron</i></p>	<p>3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet wide</p> <p><i>*there are dwarf varieties as small as 1-2 feet and large varieties as big as 10+ feet</i></p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Dense, bushy shrub with green leaves. Large, showy flowers in spring can be red, pink, purple, yellow, or white.</p> <p>Deer rating: 7/10</p>	
<p>Golden Barberry <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> 'Aurea'</p> 	<p>3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet wide</p> <p><i>*dwarf variety grows 2-3 feet tall/wide</i></p> 	<p>Deciduous</p> <p>Hardy to minus 20 degrees</p>	<p>Golden yellow leaves on thorny stems. Tiny, pale yellow flowers in spring become glossy red berries in fall.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Sundance Mock Orange <i>Choisya ternata</i> 'Sundance'</p> 	<p>3-6 feet tall 3-6 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Rounded shrub with narrow chartreuse-yellow leaves. Fragrant, white flower clusters starting in late spring. <i>Regular Choisya ternata has green leaves (no yellow)</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>'Sunshine' Privet <i>Ligustrum sinsense</i> 'Sunshine'</p> 	<p>4-6 feet tall 4-6 feet wide</p> 	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 10 degrees</p>	<p>Golden-yellow leaves year-round. Panicles of small, white flowers in summer.</p> <p>Deer rating: 7/10</p>	



→ 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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Western Azalea <i>Rhododendron occidentale</i>	3-6 feet tall 3-6 feet wide 	Deciduous Hardy to 15 degrees	Narrow, deep green leaves. New growth may be purplish. Large, ruffled spring blooms are mostly white with touches of pink, orange, and yellow. Deer rating: 6/10	
Mountain Spirea <i>Spiraea densiflora</i>	2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide  	Deciduous Hardy to minus 10 degrees	Green leaves on reddish stems. Fragrant, bright, rosy pink pompom flowers in summer. Fall color is a mix of reds & oranges. Deer rating: 9/10	
Giant Chain Fern <i>Woodwardia fimbriata</i>	4-5 feet tall 4-5 feet wide 	Evergreen Hardy to 20 degrees	Tall, arching, apple-green fronds. Likes moist, shaded areas. Deer rating: 9/10	
Three-leaf Sumac <i>Rhus trilobata</i>	5-6 feet tall 5-6 feet wide  	Deciduous Hardy to minus 10 degrees	Small green leaves turn shades of orange, yellow, and red in fall. Chartreuse spring flowers become bright red berries loved by birds and small mammals. Deer rating: 8/10	

Oregon Grape
Mahonia
aquifolium

6-8 feet tall
3-5 feet wide

Evergreen

Hardy to 0
degrees or
below

Leathery, holly-like leaves emerge red and age to a dark green, and turn dark burgundy in winter. Bright yellow flower clusters in spring become blue berries in fall. Berries are edible but tart, so best made into a jam.

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