








**Shade: shrubs
for DEER areas**

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Plant Name	Height & Spread	Evergreen or Deciduous	Description	Photo
<p>Spirea 'Limemound' <i>Spiraea japonica</i> 'Limemound'</p> 	<p>24-30 inches tall 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous Hardy to minus 30 degrees</p>	<p>Lime-yellow foliage gets even brighter in fall. Flat pink flowers in summer Deer rating: 9/10</p>	
<p>Japanese Andromeda (Pieris) <i>Pieris japonica</i></p>	<p>2-3 feet tall 2-3 feet wide *more compact versions grow to 1-2 feet tall/wide and larger varieties can grow up to 5+ feet</p>	<p>Evergreen 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. 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 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. 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>Gardenia <i>Gardenia</i></p>	<p>3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet</p> <p>*dwarf varieties grow to about 1 foot tall and 2-3 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen</p> <p>Hardy to 25 degrees</p>	<p>Shiny dark green foliage year-round. Intensely fragrant white flowers in summer. Long-blooming. <i>May need protection to avoid burning during cold winters.</i></p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Rhododendron <i>Rhododendron</i></p>	<p>3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet wide</p> <p>*there are both dwarf varieties as small as 1-2 feet and large varieties as big as 10+ feet</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: 8/10</p>	
<p>Golden Barberry <i>Berberis thunbergii 'Aurea'</i></p> 	<p>3-5 feet tall 3-5 feet wide</p> <p>*dwarf variety grows 2-3 feet tall/wide</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.</p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
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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>Western Azalea <i>Rhododendron occidentale</i></p>	<p>3-6 feet tall 3-6 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous Hardy to 15 degrees</p>	<p>Deep green leaves and narrow, deeply veined, and new growth may be purplish. Large, ruffled spring blooms are mostly white but with touches of pink, orange, and yellow.</p> <p>Deer rating: 7/10</p>	
<p>Western Spirea <i>Spiraea douglasii</i></p> <p>(similar option is 'Mountain Spirea', <i>Spiraea densiflora</i>)</p>	<p>4-6 feet tall 3-6 feet wide</p>	<p>Deciduous Hardy to 0 degrees</p>	<p>Clump-forming shrub with narrowly oblong green leaves. Showy pink flower spikes in early summer.</p> <p>Deer rating: 8/10</p>	
<p>Oregon Grape <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i></p> 	<p>6-8 feet tall 3-5 feet wide</p>	<p>Evergreen Hardy to 0 degrees or below</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Deer rating: 9/10</p>	