

Plant Recommendations for the Deer Infested Garden - 2007

The following list of plant material was developed over the past 18 years. This list of **rarely eaten** plants is based on observations of whitetail deer browsing plant material during the growing season at the historical gardens of Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, NY. For more information call (845) 256-2021 or email twright@mohonk.com.

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| Agastache foeniculum | Anise Hyssop |
| Ageratum houstonianum | Blue Floss Flower |
| Alternanthera ficoidea | Joseph's Coat |
| Angelonia angustifolia | Angelonia |
| Antirrhinum majus | Snapdragon |
| Asperula orientalis | Annual Woodruff |
| Bidens ferulifolia | Bidens |
| Brachycome iberidifolia | Swan River Daisy |
| Brugmansia versicolor | Angels Trumpet |
| Capsicum annum | Ornamental pepper |
| Catharanthus roseus | Vinca |
| Mirabilis jalapa | Four O'Clocks |
| Cleome hasslerana | Spider Flower |
| Cynoglossum amabile | Chinese Forget-Me-Not |
| Datura meteloides | Downy Thorn Apple |
| Digitalis purpurea | Foxglove |
| Emilia javanica | Tassel Flower |
| Euphorbia marginata | Snow-On-The-Mountain |
| Evolvulus glomeratus | Evolvulus |
| Gomphrena globosa | Globe Amaranth |
| Helichrysum bracteatum | Straw Flower |
| Hunnemannia fumariifolia | Mexican Tulip Poppy |
| Hypoestes phyllostachya | Polka-Dot Plant |
| Kochia scoparia | Burning Bush |
| Lantana camara | Lantana |
| Lantana montevidensis | Weeping Lantana |
| Limonium sinuatum | Statice |
| Lobularia maritima | Sweet Alyssum |
| Matthiola incana | Stock |
| Nierembergia hippomanica | Cup Flower |
| Nigella damascena | Love-In-A-Mist |
| Osteospermum sp. | African daisy |
| Oxypetalum caeruleum | Southern Star |
| Pelargonium sp. | Scented Geranium |
| Pennisetum sp. | Annual Fountain Grass |
| Perilla frutescens | Beefsteak Plant |
| Plecthranthus sp. | Many varieties |
| Polygonum capitatum | Pinkhead Knotweed |
| Ricinus communis | Castor Bean |
| Salvia coccinea | Flowering Sage |
| Salvia patens | Gentian Sage |
| Salvia farinacea | Mealycup Sage |

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| Salvia viridis | Joseph Sage |
| Salvia guaranitica | Bog Sage |
| Salvia greggii | Autumn Sage |
| Senecio cineraria | Dusty Miller |
| Tagetes signata | Signet Marigold |
| Verbena bonariensis | Verbena |
| Verbena rigida | Verbena Vervain |
| Xeranthemum annuum | Immortelle |
| Zinnia angustifolia | Star Zinnia |
| Zinnia haageana | Mexican Zinnia |
| Zinnia linearis | Narrowleaf Zinnia |

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS, HERBS & BULBS

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Achillea filipendulina | Fernleaf Yarrow |
| Aconitum sp. | Monkshood |
| Acorus calamus | Gardener's Grass |
| Adiantum pedatum | Maiden Hair Fern |
| Agastache cana | Perennial Agastache |
| Ajuga reptans | Bugleweed |
| Alchemilla sp. | Lady's Mantle |
| Allium sp. | Flowering Onion |
| Aurinia saxatilis | Golden Alysum |
| Amsonia tabernaemontana | Willow Amsonia |
| Anthemis tinctoria | Gold Marguerite |
| Arabis sp. | Rock Cress |
| Armeria maritima | Sea Thrift |
| Artemisia sp. | Wormwood |
| Asarum europaeum | European Wild Ginger |
| Asclepias tuberosa | Butterfly Weed |
| Calamagrostis x acutiflora | Reed Grass |
| Camassia sp. | Quamash |
| Centaurea sp. | Knapweed |
| Cerastium tomentosum | Snow-In-Summer |
| Cirsium japonicum | Sea Thistle |
| Colchicum autumnale | Autumn Crocus |
| Convallaria majus | Lily-Of-The-Valley |
| Corydalis lutea | Gold Bleeding Heart |
| Dictamnus albus | White Gas Plant |
| Digitalis sp. | Perennial Foxglove |
| Echinops ritro | Globe Thistle |
| Eranthis hyemalis | Winter Aconite |
| Festuca ovina "glauca" | Blue Fescue |
| Fritillaria sp. | Fritillary |
| Galanthus nivalis | Common Snowdrop |
| Helenium autumnale | Sneezeweed |
| Helleborus species | Hellebore |
| Hypericum sp. | St. John's Wort |
| Inula helenium | Elecampane |
| Iris sibirica, ensata | Iris Japanese, Siberian |
| Lamium maculatum | Deadnettle |
| Lavandula angustifolia | Lavender |
| Liatris sp. | Gayfeather |
| Limonium latifolium | Sea Lavender |
| Lychnis chalcedonica | Maltese cross |

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| Lycoris sp. | Resurrection lily |
| Macleaya cordata | Plume Poppy |
| Matteuccia pennsylvanica | Ostrich Fern |
| Mentha sp. | Mint |
| Miscanthus sp. | Ornamental Grass |
| Myosotis sylvatica | Forget-Me-Not |
| Narcissus sp. | Narcissus & Daffodils |
| Nepeta sp. | Catmint |
| Oenothera sp. | Evening Primrose |
| Paeonia sp. | Peony |
| Papaver orientale | Oriental Poppy |
| Pennisetum orientale | Fountain Grass |
| Perovskia atriplicifolia | Russian Sage |
| Pulmonaria sp. | Lungwort |
| Saponaria ocymoides | Rock Soapwort |
| Salvia sp. | Perennial Salvia |
| Solidago sp. | Goldenrod |
| Stachys byzantina | Lamb's Ear |
| Thalictrum sp. | Meadow Rue |
| Veronica incana | Woody Veronica |

WOODY PLANTS

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| Abies procera | Noble Fir |
| Aesculus hippocastanum | Horsechestnut |
| Amelanchier sp. | Allegheny Serviceberry |
| Amorpha fruticosa | Indigobush |
| Berberis vulgaris | Common Barberry |
| Betula papyrifera | Paperbark Birch |
| Betula pendula | European White Birch |
| Buddleia davidii | Butterfly-Bush |
| Buxus sempervirens | Common Boxwood |
| Callicarpa japonica | Japanese Beautyberry |
| Calluna vulgaris | Scotch Heather |
| Celastrus orbiculatus | Chinese Bittersweet |
| Cercis canadensis | Eastern Redbud |
| Chaenomeles sp. | Flowering Quince |
| Cladrastis kentukea | Yellowwood |
| Cotoneaster apiculatus | Cranberry Cotoneaster |
| Cotoneaster horizontalis | Rockspray Cotoneaster |
| Crataegus laevigata | English Hawthorn |
| Daphne x burkwoodi | Daphne |
| Deutzia gracilis | Slender Deutzia |
| Deutzia scabra | Fuzzy Deutzia |
| Fagus sylvatica asplenifolia | European Cutleaf Beech |
| Fagus sylvatica atropunicea | European Copper Beech |
| Fagus sylvatica pendula | European Weeping Beech |
| Hydrangea anomala petiolaris | Climbing Hydrangea |
| Kalmia latifolia | Mountain Laurel |
| Koelreuteria paniculata | Panicked Goldenraintree |
| Kolkwitzia amabilis | Beautybush |
| Ligustrum amurense | Amur Privet |
| Mahonia aquifolium | Oregon Grapeholly |
| Metasequoia glyptostroboides | Dawn Redwood |
| Parrotia persica | Persian Parrotia |

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| Parthenocissus quinquefolia | Virginia Creeper |
| Parthenocissus tricuspidata | Boston Ivy |
| Picea abies | Norway Spruce |
| Picea glauca | White Spruce |
| Picea abies nidiformis | Birds Nest Spruce |
| Picea pungens glauca | Colorado Blue Spruce |
| Pieris japonica | Japanese Andromeda |
| Pinus nigra | Austrian Pine |
| Pinus rigida | Pitch Pine |
| Pinus strobus | Eastern White Pine |
| Pinus resinosa | Red Pine |
| Potentilla fruticosa | Bush Cinquefoil |
| Pyrus calleryana bradfordii | Bradford Pear |
| Pyracantha coccinea | Scarlet Firethorn |
| Quercus prinus | Chestnut Oak |
| Quercus rubra | Red Oak |
| Robinia hispida | Roseacacia |
| Rosa spinosissima | Scotch Rose |
| Sassafras albidum | Common Sassafras |
| Sciadopitys verticillata | Umbrella Pine |
| Spiraea prunifolia | Bridalwreath Spirea |
| Spiraea x bumalda | Bumald Spirea |
| Stephanandra incisa | Cutleaf Stephanandra |
| Stewartia pseudocamellia | Japanese Stewartia |
| Symphoricarpos albus | Common Snowberry |
| Tamarix ramosissima | Tamarix |
| Tilia cordata | Littleleaf Linden |
| Vitex negundo | Chastetree |
| Wisteria floribunda | Japanese Wisteria |
| Zelkova serrata | Japanese Zelkova |

Some of our gardens are fenced in at Mohonk Mountain House. We do use deer repellents throughout the season as much as possible. We are trying to protect 30 plus acres of show gardens so not all of our material is protected. The above list may contain plant material that has been palatable to deer in other locations in New York State. Deer have a tendency to nibble on items that are unpalatable if they are located in their feeding area. High deer populations will influence the amount and species of plants eaten. If deer pressure is high and food is scarce they will eat almost anything. Protect new plantings with deer fencing. Rotate spraying of different repellents. Spray more often during the active growing season as plants will "grow out" of the repellent quickly.