

Deer-Resistant Gardens

Tips for reducing damage from deer:

- Choose deer-repellent and resistant plants. Because deer's feeding preferences vary widely by region, check with a local nursery or university extension service when making landscaping decisions, also below are websites with a wide variety of plant and repellent options.
- Make property borders and entryways less attractive by lining them with repellent and resistant plants.
- Create a barrier of hedges to reduce a deer's view of the garden, and incorporate terraces into the garden design to minimize landing sites for deer.
- Keep grass and underbrush trimmed and pick up fallen fruits promptly.
- Protect susceptible plants by surrounding them with repellent ones.
- Substitute greenery with colored rock, attractive mulches, lawn furniture, and water fountains.

Deer Resistant Plants/Seeds available:

- http://www.dutchgardens.com/gardening/content.asp?copy_id=5335
- http://www.selectseeds.com/deer_resistant.htm
- <http://www.deerresistantplants.com/>
- <http://www.akron-btc.com/plants-deer-resistant.html>

Repellents:

- [Becker Underwood Inc.](#) - denatonium saccharide (Ro-pel)
- [Benner's Gardens Inc.](#) - multiple active ingredients (Bobbex, Deer Blocker, Deerbusters, Deer-off)
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- [Burlington Scientific Corp.](#) - denatonium saccharide (Ro-pel)
- [Chagnon's Enterprises](#) - predator urine, egg solids (Deer-Away)
- [Champon Millenium Chemicals Inc.](#) - multiple active ingredients (Bobbex, Deer Blocker, Deerbusters, Deer-off)
- [Country Store & Gardens](#) - predator urine
- [Deerbusters](#) - ammonium soaps (Hinder), capsaicin (Hot Sauce), denatonium saccharide (Ro-pel), predator urine, multiple active ingredients (Bobbex, Deer Blocker, Deerbusters, Deer-off)
- [Deer-off Inc.](#) - multiple active ingredients (Bobbex, Deer Blocker, Deerbusters, Deer-off)
- [Deer-Resistant Landscape Nursery](#) - ammonium soaps (Hinder), multiple active ingredients (Bobbex, Deer Blocker, Deerbusters, Deer-off)
- [Dr. T's Nature Products Co. Inc.](#) - multiple active ingredients (Bobbex, Deer Blocker, Deerbusters, Deer-off)
- [Earl May Seed & Nursery Co.](#) - Ziram (Rabbit Scat)
- [Forestry Suppliers](#) - ammonium soaps (Hinder), denatonium saccharide (Ro-pel), garlic (Plant Pro-Tec), egg solids (Deer-Away)
- [Greenfire Inc.](#) - multiple active ingredients (Bobbex, Deer Blocker, Deerbusters, Deer-off)
- [Gustafson](#) - Thiram
- [IntAgra Inc.](#) - egg solids (Deer-Away)
- [J.C. Ehrlich Chemical Co.](#) - ammonium soaps (Hinder), capsaicin (Hot Sauce), egg solids (Deer-Away)
- [LegUp Enterprises](#) - predator urine
- [Orchard Supply](#) - denatonium saccharide (Ro-pel), egg solids (Deer-Away)
- [Reed-Joseph International](#) - garlic (Plant Pro-Tec)
- [Shake-Away](#) - predator urine (granular)

- Tomsgarden.com - garlic (Plant Pro-Tec), multiple active ingredients (Bobbex, Deer Blocker, Deerbusters, Deer-off)
- [Tree World](http://TreeWorld.com) - animal protein (Plantskydd)
- [Wildlife Damage Control](http://WildlifeDamageControl.com) - predator urine and other [animal damage solutions](http://animaldamage.com).
- <http://www.mastergardening.net/deerrepellent/index.htm>

Note: Use of commercial products should never be applied to food crops unless the label says it is safe to do so.

Netting or Plastic Mesh:

- [Benner's Gardens Inc.](http://BennersGardens.com)
- [Conwed Plastics](http://ConwedPlastics.com)
- [Internet Inc.](http://InternetInc.com)
- [J.A. Cissel Mfg. Co.](http://JACisselMfg.com)
- [Miller Net Co. Inc.](http://MillerNetCo.com)
- [Nalle Plastics Inc.](http://NallePlastics.com)
- [Nylon Net Co.](http://NylonNetCo.com)
- [Sinco Inc.](http://SincoInc.com)

{Reference to companies and products is for identification purposes only. It does not imply endorsement, nor does exclusion imply criticism of any products or company.}

Gardening/Living with Deer Books:

- Gardening in Deer Country (Gardening Guides Series)
by [Vincent Jr. Drzewucki](http://VincentJr.Drzewucki.com), [J. Colby](http://J.Colby.com) (Editor), [Gail Adams](http://GailAdams.com) (Illustrator), [Lisa Adams](http://LisaAdams.com) (Illustrator)
- Deer Proofing Your Yard & Garden
by [Rhonda Hart Poe](http://RhondaHartPoe.com)
- *Outwitting Deer*, by *Bill Adler, Jr.*, Lyons Press, 1999
- *Wild Neighbors: The Humane Approach to Living with Wildlife*, by the Humane Society of the United States, Fulcrum Publishing, 1997

Driving Tips for Citizens and Urban Deer

The following are defensive driving tips to avoid hitting a deer(suggested by Police Depts. and auto insurance companies):

- Be attentive from sunset to midnight and hours shortly before and after sunrise. These are the highest-risk periods.
- Drive with caution when moving through deer-crossing zones, in areas known to have a large deer population and in areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland. Deer seldom run alone. If you see one deer, others may be nearby.
- When driving at night, use high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high-beams will better illuminate the eyes of deer on or near the roadway.

- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path, but stay in your lane. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or lose control of their cars.
- Always wear your seat belt. Deer-vehicle collisions can result in serious injuries. People tend to underestimate how much damage collisions with animals can cause.
- If your vehicle strikes a deer, it's best not to touch the animal. The frightened and wounded animal could hurt you or itself. If the deer is blocking the roadway and poses a danger to other motorists, you should call law enforcement. Contact your insurance agent or company representative to report any damage to your car. Collision with a deer or animals is covered under the comprehensive portion of automobile policies.

Road Reflector Systems that deter Deer/Auto collisions(These are already in use in Custer, and Sioux Falls area, and on Hwy. I-90 as well as in many other States, Canada, and European countries):

<http://www.strieter-lite.com/index.php> <http://www.usroads.com/journals/rmj/9708/rm970801.htm>