Deer Resistant Native Plants

These plants seem to be less palatable to deer, although no plant is deer proof. In early spring deer will eat plants that they would pass over later in the season, when more choices are available to them. Any time of year, browsing deer, if their numbers are sufficient, can inflict a great deal of damage, too. People living in areas with high deer populations may have to take extreme measures to protect their landscapes. Specialized fencing, dogs, repeated foliar sprays, and voodoo magic are popular remedies.

Perennials	Shrubs	Trees
Nodding Onion	Carolina Allspice	Fir
Ramps	New Jersey Tea	Maple
Bluestar	Witch Hazel	Buckeye
Jack- in-the-Pulpit	Holly	Birch
Goat's Beard	Anise	Catalpa
Milkweed / Dogbane	Juniper	Redbud
Asters	Dog Hobble	Pagoda Dogwood
Baptisias	Spicebush	Dogwood
Bleeding Heart	Bayberry	Smoketree
Echinacea	Cherry	Hawthorn
Joe-Pye and Boneset	Plum	Ash
Wild Geranium	Sumac	Sweet Gum
Cardinal Flower	Spirea	Tulip Tree
Bee Balm	Blueberry	Magnolias
Mountain Mint	Viburnum	Hop Hornbeam
Black-eyed Susan	Elderberry	Sourwood
Bloodroot	Vines	Spruce
Goldenrod		Pine
Indian Pink	Ground Nut	Sycamore
Celandine Poppy	(Native!) Honeysuckle	Oak
Culver's Root	Virginia Creeper	Bald Cypress
Violets	Wild Grape	Hemlock
Blue Lobelia	Passionflower	Paw Paw
Bluestar	Native Wisteria	Sassafras

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