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FUN

DEER-
RESISTANT

PLANTS.



This is not your ordinary plant list!

Sure, we all know black eyed Susan's, Russian sage, and ornamental grasses are deer-resistant— but what about the unusual, the new, the unique?

Put the FUN back into your plant shopping expeditions again with this snooze-free selection. From conifers to annuals, this cool collection will make your neighbors envious and keep the deer hungry a little while longer.

HOW TO USE THIS LIST:

Click on the plant information for more details and images

KEY to DEER-RESISTANCE:

A = rarely damaged, B = seldom severely damaged

My books:

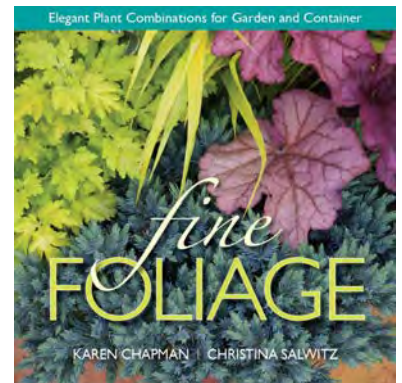
COMING SOON!



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Hello from Karen

I'm a British-born landscape designer, author, speaker, and plant-aholic. In other words I'm usually covered in a layer or two of soil and drive everywhere with a large tarp for impromptu plant purchases.

I also have to share my 5-acre garden with deer, rabbits, voles, and far too many slugs - which may limit the plants I can grow but NOT my creativity or artistry.

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Silver Ghost sea holly (*Eryngium giganteum* 'Silver Ghost'). Teasel-like steel-blue flowers are surrounded by stiff, ghostly-white bracts. A superb, architectural selection for the hot, dry border.

USDA: 4-7

Conditions: Full sun

Size: To 3 feet tall and 1.5 feet wide

Deer Resistance: A

Platinum Beauty lomandra (*Lomandra longifolia* 'Platinum Beauty'). A stunning, finely-textured grass-like perennial that is much tougher than it looks. The green and white variegated foliage appears to shimmer in the breeze. A great companion plant to low-water use plants in the landscape or container.

USDA: 8-10

Conditions: Full sun-part shade

Size: 2-3 feet tall and wide

Deer resistance: A



Photo: Sunset Plants



Makana Silver wormwood (*Artemisia* 'Makana Silver'). Imagine a soft, billowy cushion in the finest silver and you have this charming new perennial. Use it in containers or the landscape where it will thrive in hot, dry conditions and very well-drained soil. Enjoy it as an annual if it isn't winter-hardy in your area.

USDA: 9-11

Conditions: Full sun

Size: 2 feet tall and 3 feet wide

Deer resistance: A



Blade of Sun snowberry (*Symphoricarpos chenaultii* 'Blade of Sun'). An outstanding deciduous groundcover for a woodland garden with wide spreading branches that form dense layers of golden foliage. Emerging brilliant yellow, the color fades to chartreuse in deeper shade, returning to gold in fall when small metallic pink berries add to the scene.

USDA: 4-9

Conditions: Part shade

Size: 1-2 feet tall and 3 feet wide

Deer resistance: B

Northern bush honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*). A versatile and colorful deciduous shrub that takes sun or shade. Even in dry soils this arching shrub will produce an abundance of fragrant, tubular yellow blooms that attract hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies. Look for cvs. Kodiak Orange (*Proven Winners*) and Nightglow (*Bloomin' Easy*)

USDA: 3-8

Conditions: Full sun-part shade

Size: 4 feet tall and wide

Deer resistance: B



Summer Ruffle hibiscus (*Hibiscus syriacus* 'Summer Ruffle'). At just 3-4 feet tall and wide, this shrub is at home in a container or smaller landscapes while its clean, variegated foliage will enhance any color scheme. Semi-double flowers are orchid pink with a deeper burgundy throat.

USDA: 5-9

Conditions: Full sun

Size: 3-4 feet tall and wide

Deer resistance: B

Photo: Proven Winners



Pearl Glam beautyberry (*Callicarpa* 'Pearl Glam'). Why grow the old-fashioned, straggly shrub with boring green leaves waiting for the metallic pink berries in fall when you can get the *same* berries on a more compact shrub with sultry **dark** foliage that looks great for three seasons? You need this shrub!

USDA: 5-8

Conditions: Full sun

Size: 4-5 feet tall and wide

Deer resistance: B

Dwarf Arizona corkbark fir (*Abies lasiocarpa* 'Glauca Compacta'). This slow growing, pyramidal conifer has dense silvery-blue needles and a creamy-white cork-like bark. A great alternative to Colorado blue spruce and ideal as a specimen in smaller landscapes.

USDA: 4-7

Conditions: Full sun

Size: 6 feet tall and 3 feet wide in 10 years, matures to 10-15 feet tall and 6-10 feet wide

Deer resistance: B



Mexican cardinal flower (*Lobelia mexicana* syn. *Lobelia laxiflora*). A siren for hummingbirds, this perennial produces a continuous display of red and orange tubular flowers all summer long. Spreads by underground rhizomes to form large clumps. Needs regular summer water to thrive or moisture retentive soil. So beautiful, grow it as an annual if you find it!

USDA: 8 (or possibly 7) -10

Conditions: Full sun-part sun

Size: 2-3 feet tall and wide

Deer resistance: B



Millennium ornamental onion (*Allium* 'Millennium'). Millennium offers an exceptionally long season of interest from its crook-neck stems and buds to long-blooming display that attracts bees and butterflies galore. You have to see this to believe it. (Awarded "2018 Plant of the Year" by the Perennial Plant Association)

USDA: 4 (or possibly 3) – 9

Conditions: Full sun

Size: 12-15 inches tall

Deer resistance: A

Angel Wings senecio (*Senecio candicans* 'Angel Wings'). Felted, silver, heart-shaped foliage with delicately scalloped edges makes an exquisite display in containers or the landscape. This is a perennial that will leave your gardening friends green with envy! Drought and salt tolerant. Bait for slugs and earwigs. Needs well-drained soil to over-winter.

USDA: 8 (or possibly 7)-10.

Conditions: Full sun

Size: 10-12 inches tall and wide

Deer resistance: A



Shrubby hare's ear (*Bupleurum fruticosum*). A tough evergreen shrub that tolerates salt spray and is adaptable to most soil types. The dill-like flowers and subsequent coppery seed heads are popular with flower arrangers, while the prominently veined, glossy green foliage offers a contrast to more colorful companions.

USDA: 6-10

Conditions: Full sun

Size: 4 feet tall and wide

Deer Resistance: A



Golden Delicious pineapple sage (*Salvia elegans* 'Golden Delicious'). Bright, pineapple-scented, golden foliage, deep purple stems, and vivid-red flowers that attract hummingbirds – wow! Grow in light shade in climates that receive very strong summer sun to avoid scorching. (Did fine in Seattle in full sun).

USDA: 8-11 or enjoy as an annual

Conditions: Full sun-part sun

Size: 3-4 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide

Deer resistance: A

Twiggy box honeysuckle (*Lonicera nitida* 'Twiggy'). A compact, slow growing, semi-evergreen shrub that makes an excellent clipped hedge, a useful addition to the mixed border, or a container specimen. Tiny golden-yellow leaves on dark stems give this an overall delicate appearance. Highly recommended.

USDA: 6-9 (reliably evergreen in zone 8)

Conditions: Full sun-part shade

Size: 1-4 feet tall and up to 4 wide, but typically smaller

Deer resistance: A



Aphrodite sweetshrub (*Calycanthus* 'Aphrodite').

Better known in the eastern states than the west, this deciduous shrub deserves a place in every garden.

The magnolia-like, fragrant red flowers open continuously throughout the summer months while the large, glossy green leaves add a fresh, bold look to the border.

USDA: 5-9

Conditions: Part sun-sun

Size: 5-8 feet tall and 5-6 feet wide

Deer resistance: A

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