

DEER-RESISTANT WATER WISE PLANTS

Browsing deer can make landscaping challenging. Combine deer-resistant plants with other strategies to minimize damage.

PHYSICAL BARRIERS

- Put wire cylinders or corrugated drainage tubing around trunks of valuable young trees and shrubs during the late winter and spring, when plants look the most appetizing. This also protects tender bark from being damaged by rubbing antlers. Netting can also be used to protect young trees.



REPELLENTS

- Spray repellents on tender spring growth or newly planted plants. Reapply every two to three weeks until plants mature. Both store-bought repellents and a homemade mixture of 20% whole eggs and 80% water are effective.



FENCES

- An 8-foot tall fence is the most effective way to keep deer from eating your plants. Check with your HOA to learn about your options.

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No plant is completely deer-proof, but some are less attractive than others. Plant more susceptible species near the home in a fenced area, or inside a protective ring of less-preferred species. Deer-resistant plants in Colorado Springs include:

TREES

- Hawthorn
- Pinon pine

SHRUBS

- Apache plume
- Barberry
- Blue mist spirea
- Chokecherry
- Common juniper
- Cotoneaster
- Coralberry or snowberry
- Curl-leaf mountain mahogany
- Leadplant
- Three-leaf sumac
- Potentilla or cinquefoil
- Rabbit brush
- Siberian peashrub
- Silver fountain butterfly bush

FLOWERS

- Bee balm
- Black-eyed Susan
- Blanket flower
- Blue flax
- Daffodil
- Catmint
- Coral canyon twinspur
- Colorado four o'clock
- Coreopsis

- Foxglove
- Gay feather
- Germander
- Hyssop
- Iris
- Lamb's ear
- Lavender
- Pineleaf penstemon
- Purple coneflower
- Salvia
- Shasta daisy
- Snow-in-summer
- Virginia creeper
- Yarrow

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

- 'Blonde Ambition' blue grama grass
- Big bluestem
- Blue oat grass
- Feather reed grass
- Giant sacaton
- Little bluestem
- Mexican feather grass
- Switchgrass

GROUNDCOVERS

- Carpet bugle
- Creeping Oregon grape holly
- Creeping veronica
- Creeping thyme
- Sweet woodruff