Deer Resistant Plants:

**Trees:**
- Serviceberry
- River Birch
- Paper Birch
- Beech
- Gingko
- Honeylocust
- Swamp White Oak
- Bur Oak
- Japanese Tree Lilac

**Conifers:**
- White Fir
- Juniper
- Larch, Tamarack
- Norway Spruce
- White Spruce
- Colorado Blue Spruce
- Mugo Pine
- Austrian Pine
- Red Pine

**Shrubs:**
- Barberry
- Summersweet
- American Filbert
- Smokebush
- Forsythia
- Winterberry
- Spirea
- Common Snowberry
- Common Lilac

**Perennials:**
- Yarrow
- Lady’s Mantle
- Ornamental Onion
- Big Bluestem
- Columbine
- Artemisia
- Butterflyweed
- Astilbe
- False Indigo
- Bergenia
- Feather Reed Grass
- Sedge
- Coreopsis

**Dianthus**
- Bleeding Heart
- Purple Coneflower
- Joe-Pye Weed
- Coralbells
- Iris
- Ligularia
- Lupine
- Bee Balm
- Switch Grass
- Russian Sage
- Broadleaves:
  - Boxwood
- Vines:
  - Bittersweet
  - Wisteria

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Attempt #1: Plant deer resistant plants.

- Plants with strong, aromatic qualities, such as lavender or Russian sage that deer are less likely to eat.
- Choose plants that have a coarse texture or hairy like surface such as pulmonaria (lungwort) or stachys (lambs ear).
- Plant perennials that have a milky sap substance or bitter taste, such as Asclepias (milkweed) or Euphorbia (spurge).
- Mass plant or plant multiple varieties of deer resistant plants to create an area that deer will bypass.
- Intermingle “must have” deer prone plants among deer resistant varieties.
- Select aggressive growing plants that can withstand some browsing.

Attempt #2: Spray Plants

- Spray plants with a commercial repellant product.
- Use homemade remedies
  1. Blend 3 eggs with 1 cup of water then add to 1 gal of water. Apply spray to dry foliage. This will last 3-4 weeks even with rain or irrigation.
  2. Mix one small bottle of hot pepper sauce with 1 gal of water and 1 T of liquid soap or vegetable oil. Apply every 1-2 weeks as needed after rain.
  3. Blood meal can be applied around plants or mixed in water and sprayed on. Apply every 1-2 weeks as needed after rain.

Attempt #3: Hang Noisemakers or Shiny Objects

- A “slinky” toy hung near deer prone plants works well as a noise and a shiny object that deer will often avoid.
- Hang tin cans or pie pans for noise.
- Consider playing a radio in your garden from time to time to scare the deer.

Attempts #4-7: Other Options...

- String fishing lines at various heights along a wooded area or in a known deer traffic area (make sure it can be detected by humans). The theory being that deer will not try to cross something they feel, but cannot see.
- Fencing—Many options are available, and opinions on effectiveness varies widely. Net fencing options are relatively inexpensive and somewhat see through. Fencing under 8’ is usually ineffective. Deer will often avoid jumping a fence if they can’t gauge the width or see the landing sight. Consider a slanted fence or solid structure.
- Dogs—Having a large dog that patrols your yard frequently is perhaps one of the best deterrents.
- Use a variety of strategies and mix them up so deer do not become accustomed to them!

More Deer Resistant Plants on Back...