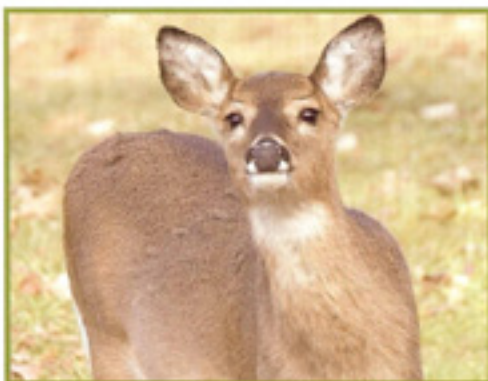# Deterring Deer

Strictly vegetarian, an average adult deer can eat between 4 and 6 pounds of food per day. And, not only are they big eaters, they aren't the slightest bit picky. Deer eat over 500 different varieties of plants; but, if they're really hungry, they'll eat just about anything in the garden or landscape.

Short of a fence, the next best thing is to take advantage of two weaknesses of deer – they're creatures of habit and they are easily scared. Anything you can do to mix up their habits or make them think there is danger nearby might be enough to make them go elsewhere in search of food. Therefore, you must rotate any repellents or scare tactics you try in order to fool deer.

Product	Type	How it Works
Deer Off	RTU Spray	Odor & Taste
Liquid Fence	RTU Spray & Liquid	Odor & Taste
Ropel	RTU Spray	Taste
Shot Gun Repels All	RTU, Liquid & Granules	Taste & Smell
Repellex	RTS or Liquid	Taste
Milorganite	Fertilizer	Odor

Fencing & Netting	Physical Barrier	Tactile
Tree Guard	RTU Spray & Concentrate	Odor & Taste
Deer Fortress	RTU Stakes	Odor

Plants Deer Won't Like:

Deer in large herds with insufficient food will eat almost any garden vegetation, particularly in harsh winters. You can minimize deer damage by choosing plants that are the least favored and avoiding those that are the most liked. Among their favorites are azaleas, rhododendrons, yews, roses, Japanese maples, winged euonymous, hemlocks and arborvitea.

The following is a list of plants rarely damaged by deer:

TREES
Austrian Pine
Dogwood
Eastern Red Bud
Flowering Cherry
Magnolia
Norway Spruce
Scotch Pine
Willow

BULBS
Allium
Crocus
Daffodil
Grape Hyacinth
Lily
Snow Drops
Winter Aconite

ANNUALS
Ageratum
Dahlia
Geranium (Zonal)
Marigold
Snapdragon
Verbena
Wax Begonia

SHRUBS & VINES
Barberry
Boxwood
Forsythia
Hydrangea
Juniper
Privet
Silver Lace Vine
Wisteria

PERENNIALS
Ajuga
Astilbe
Bee Balm
Bleeding Heart
Carnation
Foxglove
Iris
Lavender
Lupine
Painted Daisy
Poppy
Sedum
Sweet Woodruff
Yarrow

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