

NATIVE PLANT NOTES

DEER RESISTANT PLANTS



Certain plant families produce phytochemicals that make them naturally repellent to deer. Below are some interesting members of these families that occur in Western Pennsylvania. Remember to always insist on nursery-propagated native plants.

ARISTOLOCHIACEAE – Dutchman’s Pipe Family

- *Asarum canadense*: Wild Ginger

ASCLEPIADACEAE – Milkweed Family

- *Asclepias incarnata*: Pink Milkweed
- *Asclepias tuberosa*: Butterfly Milkweed

BERBERIDACEAE – Barberry Family

- *Caulophyllum thalictroides*: Blue Cohosh
- *Jeffersonia diphylla*: Twinleaf
- *Podophyllum peltatum*: Mayapple

BORAGINACEAE – Borage Family

- *Mertensia virginica* – Virginia Bluebell
- *Myosotis laxa*: Smaller Forget-Me-Not

BRASSICACEAE – Mustard Family

- *Cardamine sp.*: Toothwort

FERNS and GRASSES are also deer-resistant

FABACEAE – Pea Family

- *Baptisia australis*: False Indigo
- *Senna hebecarpa*: Wild Senna

IRIDACEAE – Iris Family

- *Iris versicolor*: Blue Flag
- *Sisyrinchium sp.*: Blue-eyed Grass

LAMIACEAE – Mint Family

- *Monarda sp.*: Beebalm

- *Salvia lyrata*: Lyre-leaved Sage

- *Scutellaria sp.*: Skullcap

PAPAVERACEAE – Poppy Family

- *Actaea pachypoda*: Doll’s Eyes
- *Anemone virginiana*: Thimbleweed
- *Anemonella thalictroides*: Rue Anemone
- *Aquilegia canadensis*: Wild Columbine
- *Caltha palustris*: Marsh Marigold
- *Actaea racemosa*: Black Snakeroot
- *Clematis virginiana*: Virgin’s Bower
- *Dicentra sp.*: Dutchman’s Breeches
- *Thalictrum sp.*: Meadowrue
- *Trautvetteria caroliniensis*: Tasselrue

SAXIFRAGACEAE – Saxifrage Family

- *Heuchera americana*: Alumroot
- *Mitella diphylla*: Miterwort
- *Tiarella cordifolia*: Foamflower

SCROPHULARIACEAE – Snapdragon Family

- *Chelone glabra*: Turtlehead
- *Collinsia verna*: Blue-eyed Mary
- *Mimulus sp.*: Monkey Flower
- *Penstemon sp.*: Beardtongue
- *Veronicastrum virginicum*: Culver’s Root