



## Deer Resistant Plants

List of plants not susceptible to deer browsing, and generally suitable to Eagle County

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Plant Type	Botanical Name	Common Name	Size	Soil Type	Water Needs	Elevation	Comments
TREES Deciduous	<i>Celtis</i> spp.	Hackberry	L	Most		To 7000	
	<i>Cornus kousa chinensis</i>	Kousa Dogwood	M				White spring blooms
	<i>Crataegus</i> spp.	Hawthorn	M		L-M	To 8500	Thorny
	<i>Gleditsia</i> spp.	Honeylocust	L	Most	L	To 7500	Salt tolerant
	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black Locust	M	Poor		To 6000	Pea-like blossoms
	<i>Wisteria floribunda</i>	Tree Wisteria	M				Long flower clusters
TREES Evergreen	<i>Abies Concolor</i>	White Fir	L			6-9000	Christmas tree
	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	Rocky Mtn Juniper	M	Most	L	To 9000	Excellent windbreak
	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Red Cedar	M	Most	L	To 7500	
	<i>Pinus aristata</i>	Bristlecone Pine	M	Poor	L	7-11000	
	<i>Pinus edulis</i>	Pinion Pine	M		L	To 7500	
	<i>Picea englemanii</i>	Engleman Spruce	L		H	To 11000	Demands shade
	<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	Limber Pine	M		L	To 11000	Very wind-firm
	<i>Pseudotsuga menzeisii</i>	Douglas Fir	L			6-11000	North & East slopes
	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Austrian Pine	L	Most	L	To 7500	Good windbreak
	<i>Picea pungens</i>	Colorado Spruce	L		M	To??	
	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Scotch Pine	L	Most		To 7000	Christmas tree

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SHRUBS	<i>Amorpha</i> spp.	Lead Plant					
	<i>Artemisia</i> spp.	Sage	S	Poor	L	To 6000	Good erosion control
	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	Four Wing Salt Brush	S	Salty		To 8500	
	<i>Berberis</i> spp.		M		L	To 8000	
	<i>Buddleia davidii</i>	Butterfly Bush	L				Bloom late summer - fall
	<i>Caragana arborescens</i>	Pea Shrub	L	Sandy	L	To 9500	
	<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	Mountain Mahogany	M		L	To 9000	Good wildlife species
	<i>Chrysothamnus</i> spp.	Rabbit Brush	M	Most	M	To 9500	
	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red-osier Dogwood	M		H	To 9000	Red stems
	<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.	Cotoneaster	M	Most		To 9500	
	<i>Forsythia</i>	Forsythia	M	Most	M		
	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache Plume	M		L		Blooms spring
	<i>Kolkwitzia amabilis</i>	Beauty Bush	L				Bloom June
	<i>Lonicera</i> spp.	Honeysuckle	L	Most	M	To 8000	Hummingbirds
	<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon Grape Holly	M				
	<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Creeping Grape Holly	S				
	<i>Philadelphus</i> spp	Mockorange	L	Most	M		Controls Erosion
	<i>Potentilla</i>	Cinquefoil	S	Most	L		
	<i>Prunus tomentosa</i>	Nanking Cherry	M			To 8000	Edible fruit
	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	L	Most	H	To 9000	Edible fruit
	<i>Pyracantha</i> spp	Pyracantha		Most	M		Evergreen
	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Common Buckthorn	L	Poor	L		Small tree
	<i>Ribes Aureum</i>	Golden Currant	M		L	To 8000	Good wildlife species
<i>Rosa</i> spp.	Woods Rose	S	Most	L	To 8000	Good wildlife species	
<i>Rubus</i> spp.	Raspberries	S				Edible fruit	
<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>	Silver Buffaloberry	L		L	To 7500	Good wildlife species	
<i>Spirea</i> spp	Spirea	M	Most	M			
<i>Syringa Vulgaris</i>	Lilac	L	Most	L	To 8000	Excellent windbreak	
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Highbush Cranberry					Red in fall	

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PERENNIALS	<i>Achillea</i> spp.	Yarrows	M	Poor	L	Sun	July - September
	<i>Aconitum napellus</i>	Monkshood	L	Rich	M	Sun - P sun	July-August
	<i>Alcea Rosea</i>	Hollyhock	L	Most	L	Sun	Mid-summer Biennial
	<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	Lady's Mantle	M	Most	L	P sun-shade	Grown for leaves
	<i>Alliums</i> spp.	Ornamental onion	S-L	Most	L	Sun	Spring-summer
	<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i>	Golden Marguerite	L	Most	L	Sun	Early summer to fall
	<i>Aquilegia</i> spp.	Columbine	M	Most	L	Sun - P sun	May-June short-lived
	<i>Armeria maritima</i>	Sea Pink	S	Most	L	Sun	Mid-spring
	<i>Artemisia</i> spp.	Sage, Wormwood	M	Poor	L	Sun	Grown for leaf texture
	<i>Asclepias</i> spp.	Butterfly weed	M	Sandy	L	Sun	Attracts butterflies
	<i>Aster</i> spp.	Asters	M	Rich	L	Sun	August
	<i>Aurinia saxatilis</i>	Basket-of-Gold	S	Most	M	Sun	Spring-summer
	<i>Brunnera</i> spp.	Bugloss	S	Most	L	Sun - P sun	Short-lived
	<i>Campanula</i> spp.	Bellflower	S-L	Most	M	Sun - P sun	June-July
	<i>Centaurea</i> spp.	Cornflower	M	Most	L	Sun - P sun	Summer
	<i>Centranthus ruber</i>	Jupiter's Beard	L	Alkaline	L	Sun	Summer
	<i>Cerastium tomentosum</i>	Snow-in-summer	S	Most	L	Sun	June
	<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-valley	S	Rich	M	Shade	May
	<i>Coreopsis</i> spp.	Tickseed	M	Poor	L	Sun	June-August
	<i>Chrysanthemum x superbum</i>	Shasta Daisy	L	Rich	M	Sun	July-August
<i>Delphinium</i> spp.	Delphinium	L	Alkaline	M	Sun	June-July	
<i>Dianthus</i> spp.	Carnations, Pinks	M	Alkaline	L	Sun	June-July	
<i>Dicentra</i> spp.	Bleeding Heart	S-M	Rich	M	P sun-Shade	Spring	
<i>Digitalis</i> spp.	Foxglove	L	Rich	M	Sun - P sun	Biennial	
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Coneflower	L	Rich	M	Sun	July-August	
<i>Echinops</i> spp.	Globe thistle	L	Poor	L-M	Sun - P sun	Mid-summer	
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	Queen of the prairie	L	Rich	M	Sun - P sun	Mid-summer	

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	<i>Gaillardia</i> spp.	Blanket Flower	M	Poor	L	Sun	June - September
	<i>Geranium</i> spp.	Hardy Geranium	S	Most	M	Sun - P sun	Spring-Summer
	<i>Helianthus</i> spp.	Sunflower	L	Most	L-M	Sun	August-September
	<i>Iberis</i> spp.	Candytuft	S	Alkaline	M	Sun	Late Spring-Summer
	<i>Iris</i> spp.	Iris	M	Rich	L-M	Sun	May-June
	<i>Lamium maculatum</i>	Spotted Dead Nettle	M	Most	M	Shade	Groundcover
	<i>Lavandula</i> spp.	Lavender	S	Alkaline	L	Sun	July-August
	<i>Ligularia x przewalskii</i>	The Rocket	VL	Rich	M	P sun-Shade	Summer
	<i>Linium</i> spp.	Flax	M	Alkaline	L	Sun - P sun	June-August Short lived
	<i>Lobelia speciosa</i>	Lobelia	M	Rich	M	4 - 9	Mid-summer-fall
	<i>Lychnis</i> spp.	Campion	M	Most	L	Sun - P sun	Summer
	<i>Monarda</i> spp.	Bee Balm	L	Rich	M	Sun - P sun	Mid-summer
	<i>Myosotis</i> spp.	Forget-me-nots	S	Most	M	Sun - P sun	Spring-Summer
	<i>Narcissus</i> spp.	Daffodil	S	Most	M	Sun	Spring bulb
	<i>Nepeta</i> spp.	Catmint	M	Alkaline	L	Sun	Summer
	<i>Oenothera</i> spp.	Primrose	M	Sandy	L	Sun	Summer
	<i>Paeonia</i> spp.	Peony	L	Most	M	Sun - P sun	May-June
	<i>Papaver orientalis</i>	Oriental Poppy	L	Most	M	Sun	June
	<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>	Russian Sage	L		L	Sun	Mid-summer - fall
	<i>Primula x polyanthus</i>	Hardy Primrose	S	Most	M	P sun	Spring
	<i>Rudbeckia</i> spp.	Black-eyed Susan	L	Most	L	Sun	August-September
	<i>Salvia</i> spp.	Sage	M	Most	L-M	Sun	Summer
	<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i>	Pincushion flower	S	Alkaline	L-M	Sun	Summer
	<i>Solidago</i> spp.	Goldenrod	L	Most	L	Sun	August-September
	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Valerian	VL	Most	M	Sun - P sun	July-August
	<i>Veronica</i> spp.	Speedwell	M	Most	M	Sun	Mid-summer
	<i>Vinca minor</i>	Periwinkle	S	Most	M	Sun - P sun	Groundcover
	<i>Yucca filimentosa</i>	Desert Candle	L	Poor	M	Sun	August