



**HUMANE SOCIETY
WILDLIFE LAND TRUST.**

Wildlife NOTES

Living with Deer: Plants and Flowers

There are a wide variety of flower and native plant species that are less palatable to deer. And some flowers, like tulips, are almost irresistible to deer. Here is a partial list of flowers and plants that deer like – and ones they don't like. Check your local garden store for information on what types of plants seem resistant in your area. You can also contact your local Cooperative Extension Service (www.reesusda.gov/statepartners/usa.htm) for this information.

Plants that deer avoid:

Annuals/Biennials Annual Periwinkle ♦ Cornflower ♦ Dusty miller ♦ Forget-me-not ♦ Heliotrope ♦ Lobelia ♦ Marigold ♦ Morning glory ♦ Parsley ♦ Snapdragon ♦ Sweet basil ♦ Sweet pea ♦ Thorn apple ♦ Wax begonia ♦ Zinnia **Groundcovers and Vines** Bittersweet ♦ Bugleweed ♦ Cherokee rose ♦ Honeysuckle ♦ Myrtle ♦ Sweet woodruff ♦ Virginia creeper ♦ Wild ginger ♦ Wisteria **Perennials/Bulbs** Amaryllis ♦ Anise ♦ Baby's breath ♦ Bleeding heart ♦ Blue star ♦ Bluebeard ♦ Common dill ♦ Coneflower ♦ Daffodil ♦ Evening primrose ♦ False indigo ♦ Ferns ♦ Foxglove ♦ Glory lily ♦ Goldenrod ♦ Heather ♦ Hyacinth ♦ Iris ♦ Jack-in-the-pulpit ♦ Lavender ♦ Lily-of-the-valley ♦ Oregano ♦ Poppy ♦ Primrose ♦ Rosemary ♦ Sage ♦ Soapwort ♦ St. John's wort ♦ Star of Bethlehem ♦ Sweet William ♦ Wild indigo **Shrubs/Trees** American bittersweet ♦ Bald cypress ♦ Banana shrub ♦ Boxwood ♦ Butterfly bush ♦ Colorado blue spruce ♦ Common buckthorn ♦ Common lilac ♦ Common sassafras ♦ Douglas fir ♦ Eastern white pine ♦ Forsythia (border) ♦ Gardenia ♦ Heather ♦ Oleander ♦ Panicked dogwood ♦ Red maple ♦ Staghorn sumac ♦ White spruce ♦ Winter daphne



How to Create a Child's Garden

Getting children involved in nature projects is not only time well-spent together but also provides the opportunity to pass on your values of care and compassion for all living creatures.

With a smile and promise of a shared treat afterward, it isn't hard to get a child to help you plant a garden. But how can you keep him or her interested? Here are some suggestions:

- Use crayons to plan the garden and sketch a design.
- Be sure to include visual clues for where to stand and where the plants are.
- Choose some plants that sprout quickly, others can sprout slower.
- Plot plant growth once a week and keep a chart.
- Plans for good things to eat or pretty posies to enjoy are very inspirational.
- Making labels for plants allows children to personalize the garden and "mark their territory."
- Avoid being critical if interest waivers. This should be fun for everyone.

Check your library and the internet for gardening projects to do together.



Plants that deer love to eat: **Annuals/Biennials**

Dahlia ♦ Geranium ♦ Hollyhocks ♦ Impatiens ♦ Violas **Perennials/Bulbs** Black-eyed Susan ♦ Buttercup ♦ Crocus ♦ Daisy ♦ Daylily ♦ English ivy ♦ Lilies ♦ Periwinkle ♦ Rose ♦ Tulip ♦ Wallflower **Shrubs/Trees** ♦ Common winterberry ♦ Crabapple ♦ Deciduous azalea ♦ Evergreen holly ♦ Hemlock ♦ Japanese maple ♦ Juniper ♦ Mountain laurel ♦ Pear ♦ Rhododendron ♦ White pine ♦ Yew