

Stew Leonard's Garden Shop

Plants for Sun & Shade

Plants Resistant to Deer

Choosing the right plant for your yard or garden can seem like a daunting task. What should you plant and where should you plant it? Will it get too much sun? Not enough sun? Will deer nibble away at what you plant?

We don't have all the answers. And the plants that are "just right" for you and your garden are a matter of personal taste. But we can help you choose plants that are appropriate for your circumstances. Listed below are some annual, perennials and shrubs for sunny or shady areas and also ones that are rarely damaged by deer.

If you have any questions on this topic (or any other topic), stop into one of our garden centers or submit a question online to our Garden Jeannie.

WHAT ARE ANNUALS?

Annuals are plants that live their whole life span in one season. They grow; flower, set seed and die all in one year. They flower all season and are wonderful in the garden or in containers. Tropical plants are also considered annuals as they will not survive East Coast winters.

Annuals for Shade: the area receives dappled sun or a few hours of sun during the day

Spike Plant	Begonia	Caladium	Vinca Vine	Plectranthus
Coleus	Helichysum	Impatiens	Fuchsia	New Guinea Impatiens

Annuals for Part Sun: the area receives four to six hours of sun every day

Spike Plant	Salvia	Spider plant	Bacopa	Lalmium
Lobelia	Scaveola	Helichrysum	Geranium	Coleus
Sweet Potato Vine	Angelonia	Ageratum	Begonia	Fuchsia
Nemesia	Torenia	New Guinea Impatiens		

Annuals for Full Sun: the area receives a minimum of six to eight hours of sun a day

Spike Plant	Petunia	Nicotiana	Verbena	Supertunia
Calibrachoa	Argyranthemum	Angelonia	Ageratum	Cleome
Cuphea	Dahlia	Diascia	Heliotrope	Herbs
Lantana	Nemesia	Osteospermum		

WHAT ARE PERENNIALS?

Perennials are plants that take a few years to mature, some lasting 50 years or more. They flower for shorter periods of time than annuals and can be divided after becoming established.

Perennials for Shade: the area receives dappled sun or a few hours of sun during the day

Astilbe	Aquilegis	Betony	Coralbells	Dicentra
Digitalis	Fern	Hosta	Heuchera	Hellebore
Hydrangea	Jacob's ladder	Lamium	Ligularia	Liriope
Lychnis	Lysmachia	Monarda	Polemonium	Tricrtis

Perennials for Part Shade: the area receives four to six hours of sun every day

Achillea	Agastache	Astilbe	Baptisia	Dianthus
Echinacea	Eupatorium	Geranium	Heliopsis	Heuchera
Hydrangea	Ligularia	Lychnis	Mzus	
Monarda	Nepeta	Penstemon	Physostegia	Platycondon
Polemonium	Tricyrtis			

Perennials for Sun: the area receives a minimum of six to eight hours of sun a day

Agastache	Ajania	Alcea	Artemisia	Asclepias
Aster	Buddleia	Caryopteris	Coreopsis	Delosperma
Delphinium	Dianthus	Echinacea	Gaillardia	Guara
Heliopsis	Hydrangea	Leucanthemum	Liatris	Iriope
Monarda	Nepeta	Peony	Penstemon	Perovskia
Phlox	Physostegia	Platycondon	Salvia	Rudbeckia
Santolina	Sedum	Stachys	Tercrium	Verbena
Veronica	Viola			

WHAT DOES DEER RESISTANT MEAN?

Deer resistant means that a deer chooses not to eat that plant. No plants are deer proof, only deer resistant. What deer eat depends on many factors, including how hungry they are, density of the deer population, and whether your garden is an area where they forage (deer are creatures of habit). This explains why deer may eat a plant in your garden but leave the same species alone in your neighbor's yard. Deer tend to eat some plants less than others.

Shrubs rarely damaged by deer:

American Holly	Common Boxwood	Colorado Blue Spruce	Austrian Pine	Chinese Holly
Common Lilac	English Hawthorn	European Beach	Forsythia	European White Birch
Honey Locust	Inkberry	Kousa Dogwood	Mugo Pine	
Mountain Laurel	White Spruce	Russian Cypress	Japanese Flowering Cherry	

Annuals rarely damaged by deer:

Ageratum	Blue Salvia	Cleome	Dusty Miller	Dahlia
Lobelia	Heliotrope	Marigold	Morning glory	Parsley
Poppy	Snapdragon	Alyssum	Basil	Oregano
Verbena	Wax Begonia	Zonal Geranium	Celosia	Stock
Petunias	Zinnia	Nasturtium		

Perennials rarely damaged by deer:

Anemones	Astible	Balloon Flower	Beebalm	Bugbane
Butterfly bush	Candytuft	Daffodil	Ferns	Goatsbeard
Heath	Hellebore	Herbs	Jacob's Ladder	Llamb's Ear
Lily-of-the-valley	Lavender	Mint	Primrose	Ornamental Grasses
Sweet William	Turtlehead	Wisteria	Yarrow	Wormwood
Yucca				