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Deer Resistant Native Plants for the Northern Neck

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Looking for plants that will not be eaten up by deer? Several Northern Neck native plants are excellent candidates. Native plants are beautiful and add value to your landscape by providing diverse colors and textures year round. Once established, they need little maintenance. They nurture birds, butterflies and other wildlife by providing food and shelter. Also, they are well adapted to the climate and ecological conditions on the Northern Neck, so many of them are either not favored food for deer or can rebound from browsing. That said, no plant is guaranteed to be deer proof.

The Plant Northern Neck Natives: Go-Native—Grow Native campaign prepared this listing of deer resistant plants to help you choose native plants to minimize damage from deer. The list is organized alphabetically by scientific name within each plant type: Herbaceous Plants, Grasses, Vines, Shrubs, Small and Large Trees. Following the scientific name, the two columns indicate whether the plant is highly or moderately resistant to damage from deer, as reported in several sources. In some cases only the genus is listed, for example, *Viola*. The asterisk (*) indicates

that you should check to see which species are listed in Native Plants of the Northern Neck available at www.nnnps.org/Go_Native_Grow_Native.html.

As you select plants for your landscape, keep in mind that any young plants may be susceptible to browsing by deer. It is best to keep young plants protected with screening or repellents until they are well established.

Do you need more detailed information on the other characteristics of these plants, e.g., their light and soil requirements or their bloom time and fall color?

- The Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Native Plants Society produced a guide to the Native Plants of the Northern Neck. It is available at local garden centers and on line at www.nnnps.org (look under the tab for the Plant Northern Neck Natives campaign).
- The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center has detailed information on native plants. Visit www.wildflower.org.

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Common Name	Scientific Name	H	M
Herbaceous Plants			
Common Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>		x
White Baneberry, Dolls'-eyes	<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	x	
Wild Onion, Meadow Onion	<i>Allium canadense</i>	x	
Wild Columbine, Eastern Red Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>		x
Green Dragon	<i>Arisaema dracontium</i>	x	
Common Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	x	
Common Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>		x
Swamp Milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>		x
Butterfly-weed, Common Butterfly-weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>		x
Cross-vine	<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>		x
Mistflower, <i>Ageratum</i>	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>		x
Long-stalk Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>		x
Honewort	<i>Cryptotaenia canadensis</i>	x	
Tall Scouring Rush	<i>Equisetum hyemale</i>	x	
Late Thoroughwort	<i>Eupatorium serotinum</i>	x	
Common Sneezeweed, Autumn Sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>		x
Alumroot, Americana Alumroot	<i>Heuchera americana</i>		x
Swamp Rose-mallow, Eastern Rose-mallow, Crimson-eyed Rose-mallow	<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>		x
Larger Blue Flag, Northern Blue Flag	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	x	
Virginia Blue Flag, Southern Blue Flag	<i>Iris virginica</i>	x	
Seashore Mallow, Salt Marsh Mallow	<i>Kosteletzkya pentacarpos</i>		x
Grass-leaf Blazing Star, Grass-leaf Gayfeather	<i>Liatris pilosa</i>		x
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>		x
Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>		x
Sundial Lupine	<i>Lupinus perennis</i>		x
Narrow-leaf Sundrops, Southern Sundrops	<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i>		x
Common Yellow Wood-sorrel	<i>Oxalis stricta</i>	x	
Common Pokeweed	<i>Phytolacca americana</i>	x	
Obedient-plant	<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>		x
Mayapple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	x	
Longleaf Pondweed, American Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton nodosus</i>	x	

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Black-eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	x	
Southern Dewberry	Rubus trivialis		x
Lizard's-tail, Water-dragon	Saururus cernuus	x	
Lyre-leaf Sage	Salvia lyrata		x
Goldenrod*	Solidago sp*		x
Skunk Cabbage	Symplocarpus foetidus		x
Common Tall Meadow-rue	Thalictrum pubescens	x	
Rue-anemone	Thalictrum thalictroides	x	
Virginia Least Trillium, Virginia Dwarf Trillium	Trillium pusillum		x
Venus' Looking-glass, Common Venus' Looking-glass	Triodanis perfoliata	x	
Common Purslane Speedwell	Veronica peregrina		x
Violets*	Viola sp*		x
Common Yucca, Adam's Needle	Yucca filamentosa	x	
Grasses			
Bushy Bluestem	Andropogon glomeratus	x	
Prairie Three-awn Grass	Aristida oligantha	x	
Eastern Woodland Sedge	Carex blanda Dewey	x	
River Oats	Chasmanthium latifolium	x	
Fragrant Flatsedge, Rusty Flatsedge	Cyperus odoratus	x	
Green Flatsedge, Marsh Flatsedge	Cyperus pseudovegetus	x	
Purple Lovegrass, Tumblegrass	Eragrostis spectabilis	x	
Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum	x	
Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	x	
Eastern Gamagrass	Tripsacum dactyloides		x
Common Cattail, Broadleaf Cattail	Typha latifolia	x	
Vines			
Trumpet-creeper	Campsis radicans		x
Climbing Bittersweet, American Bittersweet	Celastrus scandens	x	
Virgin's Bower	Clematis virginiana		x
Yellow Jessamine, Carolina Jessamine	Gelsemium sempervirens		x
Trumpet Honeysuckle, Coral Honeysuckle	Lonicera sempervirens		x
Purple Passionflower, Maypop	Passiflora incarnata		x
Yellow Passionflower	Passiflora lutea	x	
Virginia-creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia		x
Poison Ivy	Toxicodendron radicans	x	
American Wisteria	Wisteria frutescens	x	
Shrubs			
Devil's Walking-stick	Aralia spinosa	x	
Red Chokeberry	Aronia arbutifolia		x
American Beauty-berry, French-mulberry	Callicarpa americana		x
Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis		x
Sweet Pepperbush, Coastal White-alder	Clethra alnifolia		x
Silky Dogwood	Cornus amomum	x	
Witch Hazel	Hamamelis virginiana		x
Inkberry	Ilex glabra		x

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Smooth Winterberry	<i>Ilex laevigata</i>	x	
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>		x
Virginia-willow, Virginia Sweetspire	<i>Itea virginica</i>		x
Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>		x
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>		x
Southern Bayberry, Wax-Myrtle	<i>Morella cerifera</i>	x	
Northern Bayberry	<i>Morella pensylvanica</i>	x	
Common Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>		x
Steeplebush, Hardhack	<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i>	x	
Arrow-wood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	x	
Black Haw	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>		x
Trees			
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>		x
Downy Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>		x
Canadian Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>		x
Pawpaw, Common Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	x	
River Birch, Red Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	x	
American Hornbeam, Muscle Tree, Ironwood	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	x	
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>		x
Sugarberry, Southern Hackberry	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>		x
Fringetree, Old Man's Beard	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>		x
Flowering Dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>		x
Common Persimmon, American Persimmon	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	x	
American Beech	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	x	
White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	x	
Green Ash, Red Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>		x
American Holly	<i>Ilex opaca</i>	x	
Eastern Red Cedar	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>		x
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>		x
Tulip-Poplar, Yellow Poplar, Tuliptree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>		x
Sweetbay, Sweetbay Magnolia, Swamp Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	x	
Black Gum, Sour Gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	x	
Sourwood, Sorrel Tree	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>		x
Eastern White Pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>		x
Sycamore, American Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	x	
Eastern Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	x	
Oaks*	<i>Quercus sp*</i>		x
Sassafras	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>		x
Baldcypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>		x

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