

The following is a list of landscape plants rated according to their resistance to deer damage. The list was compiled with input from nursery and landscape professionals, Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) Cooperative Extension personnel, and Rutgers Master Gardeners in northern New Jersey. Realizing that no plant is deer proof, plants in the *Rarely Damaged*, and *Seldom Severely Damaged* categories would be best for landscapes prone to deer damage. Plants *Occasionally Severely Damaged* and *Frequently Severely Damaged* are often preferred by deer and should only be planted with additional

protection such as the use of fencing, repellents, etc. Success of any of these plants in the landscape will depend on local deer populations and weather conditions.

KEY:

- A = Rarely Damaged
- **B** = Seldom Severely Damaged
- **C** = Occasionally Severely Damaged
- **D** = Frequently Severely Damaged
- All Ratings All Types

Common Name	Latin Name	Туре	Rating
Ageratum 🛛	Ageratum houstonianum	Annuals	Α
Allegheny Spurge	Pachysandra procumbens	Groundcovers	Α
American Holly	llex opaca	Trees	Α
Angel's Trumpet	Brugmansia sp. (Datura)	Annuals	Α
Anise	Pimpinalla anisum	Annuals	Α
Anise Hyssop	Agastache sp.	Perennials	Α
Annual Vinca	Catharanthus rosea	Annuals	Α
Arrowwood Viburnum	Viburnum dentatum	Shrubs	Α
Autumn Crocus 🛛	Colchicum sp.	Bulbs	Α
Barberry	Berberis sp.	Shrubs	Α
Barrenwort	Epimedium sp.	Groundcovers	Α
Basket of Gold	Aurinia saxatilis	Perennials	Α
Bayberry	Myrica pensylvanica	Shrubs	Α
Bearberry	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Groundcovers	Α
Big Bluestem	Andropogon sp.	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Bigleaf Goldenray	Ligularia dentata	Perennials	Α
Bishop's Weed	Aegopodium podagaria	Groundcovers	Α
Bleeding Heart	Dicentra spectabilis	Perennials	Α
Blue Fescue	Festuca glauca	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Blue Mist Shrub	Caryopteris clandonensis	Shrubs	Α
Blue Oat Grass	Helictotrichon sempervirens	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Bluebell	Endymion sp.	Bulbs	Α
Bottlebrush Buckeye 🛛	Aesculus parviflora	Trees	Α
Broom	Cytisus sp.	Shrubs	Α
Bugleweed	Ajuga reptans	Groundcovers	Α
Bush Cinquefoil	Potentilla fruticosa	Shrubs	Α
Butter & Eggs	Linaria vulgaris	Perennials	Α
Buttercup	Ranunculus sp.	Perennials	Α
Butterfly Bush	Buddleia sp.	Shrubs	Α
Cactus	Cactaceae sp.	Perennials	Α
<u>Catmint</u>	Nepeta sp.	Perennials	Α

Christmas Fern 🛛	Polystichum arcostichoides	Ferns	Α
Cinnamon Fern	Osmunda cinnamomea	Ferns	Α
Clump Bamboo	Fargesia sp.	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Common Boxwood	Buxus sempervirens	Shrubs	Α
Common Foxglove	Digitalis purpurea	Biennials	Α
Common Tansy	Tanacetum vulgare	Perennials	Α
<u>Corydalis</u>	Corydalis sp.	Perennials	Α
Crown Imperial, Fritilia	Fritilaria imperialis	Bulbs	Α
Daffodil 🗆	Narcissus sp.	Bulbs	Α
Dame's Rocket	Hesperis matronalis	Perennials	Α
Daphne 🛛	Daphne sp.	Shrubs	Α
Devil's Walking Stick	Aralia spinosa	Shrubs	Α
Drooping Leucothoe	Leucothoe fontanesiana	Shrubs	Α
Dusty Miller	Centaurea cineraria	Annuals	Α
Dwarf Alberta Spruce	Picea glauca 'Conica'	Trees	Α
European Ginger 🛛	Asarum europaeum	Perennials	Α
False Camomile	Matricaria sp.	Annuals	Α
False Indigo	Baptisia australis	Perennials	Α
Feather Reed Grass	Calamagrostis sp.	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Flowering Tobacco	Nicotiana sp.	Annuals	Α
Forget-Me-Not	Myosotis sp.	Perennials	Α
Forget-Me-Not	Myosotis sylvatica	Annuals	Α
Fountain Grass 🛛	Pennisetum alopecuroides	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Fragrant Sumac 🛛	Rhus aromatica	Shrubs	Α
Fringed Bleeding Heart	Dicentra eximia	Perennials	Α
<u>Garden Sage</u>	Salvia officinalis	Perennials	Α
<u>Germander</u>	Teucrium chamaedrys	Perennials	Α
Giant Japanese Silver Grass	Miscanthus floridulis	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Giant Reed	Arundo donax	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Golden Bamboo	Phyllostachys aurea	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Greek Jerusalem Sage	Phlomis sp.	Perennials	Α
Hakonechloa 🛛	Hakonechloa macra	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Hard Rush	Juncus effusus	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Hayscented Fern	Dennstaedtia punctilobula	Ferns	Α
Heath	Erica sp.	Shrubs	Α
Heather	Calliuna sp.	Shrubs	Α
Heliotrope	Heliotropium arborescens	Annuals	Α
Holly Fern	Cyrtomium falcatum	Ferns	Α
Horehound	Marrubium vulgare	Perennials	Α
Horseradish	Armoracia rusticana	Perennials	Α

Hyssop	Hyssopus officinalis	Perennials	Α
Indian Grass	Sorghastrum nutans	Ornamental Grasses	Α
<u>Iris</u> □ (2)	Iris sp.	Perennials	Α
Jack-in-the-pulpit	Arisaema triphylum	Perennials	Α
Japanese Black Pine	Pinus thunbergiana	Trees	Α
Japanese Blood Grass 🛛	Imperata cylindrica	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Japanese Painted Fern 🛛	Athyrium goeringianum (nipponicum)	Ferns	Α
Japanese Pieris, Andromeda 🛛	Pieris japonica	Shrubs	Α
Japanese Plum Yew 🛛	Cephalotaxus harringtonia	Shrubs	Α
<u>Japanese Sedge</u> 🛛	Carex sp.	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Japanese Silver Grass 🛛	Miscanthus sinensis	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Japanese Skimmia	Skimmia japonica	Shrubs	Α
Japanese Sweet Flag	Acorus sp.	Ornamental Grasses	Α
John T. Morris Holly	<i>llex x</i> 'John T. Morris'	Shrubs	Α
Katsura Tree	Cercidiphyllum japonicum	Trees	Α
Lamb's Ear 🛛	Stachys byzantina	Perennials	Α
Large Blue June Grass	Koeleria glauca	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Larkspur	Consolida ambigua	Annuals	Α
Lavendar	Lavandula sp.	Perennials	Α
Lavender-Cotton	Santolina chamaecyparissus	Perennials	Α
Leatherleaf Mahonia <	Mahonia bealei	Shrubs	Α
Lemon Balm	Melissa officinalis	Perennials	Α
Lenten or Christmas Rose	Helleborus sp.	Perennials	Α
Lily of the Valley	Convallaria majalis	Groundcovers	Α
Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Lungwort	Pulmonaria sp.	Perennials	Α
Lydia Morris Holly	<i>llex x</i> 'Lydia Morris'	Shrubs	Α
Lyme Grass 🛛	Leymus arenarius glaucous	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Marjoram	Majorana	Perennials	Α
May Apple	Podophyllum	Perennials	Α
Meadow Rue	Thalictrum sp.	Perennials	Α
Mimosa 🗆	Albizia julibrissin	Trees	Α
Mint	Mentha sp.	Perennials	Α
Monkshood	Aconitum sp.	Perennials	Α
Moonglow Juniper	Juniperus scopulorum 'Moonglow'	Shrubs	Α
Mountain Pieris	Pieris floribunda	Shrubs	Α
New York Fern 🛛	Thelyptens noveboracensis	Ferns	Α
Northern Sea Oats	Chasmanthium latifolium	Ornamental Grasses	Α
<u>Oregano</u>	Origanum sp.	Perennials	Α
<u>Oregon Grape Holly</u>	Mahonia aquifolium	Shrubs	Α

<u>Oriental Fountain Grass</u>	Pennisetum orientale	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Ornamental Onion	Allium sp.	Perennials	Α
Ornamental Onion	Allium sp.	Bulbs	Α
Ostrich Fern	Matteuccia struthiopteris	Ferns	Α
Pachysandra 🗆	Pachysandra terminalis	Groundcovers	Α
Pampus Grass	Cortaderia selloana	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Paper Birch	Betula papyrifera	Trees	Α
Pawpaw 🛛	Asimina triloba	Trees	Α
<u>Peony</u> (2)	Paeonia sp.	Perennials	Α
Pitch Pine	Pinus rigida	Trees	Α
Рорру 🗌	Papaver sp.	Annuals	Α
Pot Marigold 🔲	Calendula sp.	Annuals	Α
Potentilla, Cinquefoil	Potentilla sp.	Perennials	Α
Prince of Wales Juniper	Juniperus horizontalis 'Prince of Wales'	Shrubs	Α
Purple Moor Grass	Molinia caerulea	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Purple Rock-Cress	Aubretia deltoidea	Perennials	Α
Ravenna Grass 🛛	Erianthus ravennae	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Red Elderberry	Sambucus racemosa	Shrubs	Α
Red Pine	Pinus resinosa	Trees	Α
River Birch	Betula nigra	Trees	Α
Rock-Cress	Arabis caucasica	Perennials	Α
Rocket Ligularia 🛛	Ligularia 'The Rocket'	Perennials	Α
Rodgers Flower	Rodgersia sp.	Perennials	Α
Rose Campion	Lychnis coronaria	Perennials	Α
Rosemary	Rosmarinus officinalis	Annuals	Α
Royal Fern	Osmunda regalis	Ferns	Α
Rue	Ruta sp.	Perennials	Α
<u>Russian Cypress</u> 🛛	Microbiota decussata	Shrubs	Α
Russian Olive	Elaeagnus angustifolia	Shrubs	Α
Russian Sage	Perovskio atriplicifolia	Perennials	Α
Sensitive Fern	Onoclea sensibilis	Ferns	Α
<u>Siberian Bugloss</u> 🛛	Bruneria macrophylla (Brunnera)	Perennials	Α
Siberian Squill	Scilla siberica	Bulbs	Α
<u>Silver Mound</u>	Artemisia sp.	Perennials	Α
Small Globe Thistle	Echinops ritro	Perennials	Α
Snapdragon	Antirrhinum majus	Annuals	Α
Snowdrops	Galanthus nivalis	Bulbs	Α
Snow-on-the-Mountain	Euphorbia marginata	Annuals	Α
Spider Flower	Cleome sp.	Annuals	Α
Spotted Deadnettle	Lamium sp.	Groundcovers	Α

Spurge	Euphorbia sp. (except 'Chameleon')	Perennials	Α
Statice	Limonium latifolium	Perennials	Α
Strawflower	Helichrysum	Annuals	Α
Sweet Alyssum	Lobularia maritima	Annuals	Α
Sweet Box	Sarcoccoca hookeriana	Shrubs	Α
Sweet Woodruff	Galium odoratum (Asperula odorata)	Groundcovers	Α
Switch Grass	Panicum virgatum	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Tarragon	Artemisia dracunculus	Perennials	Α
Threadleaf Coreopsis 🛛	Coreopsis verticillata	Perennials	Α
Thyme 🗌	Thymus sp.	Perennials	Α
Variegated Purple Moor Grass	Molinia caerulea 'Variegata'	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Varigated Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Weeping Love Grass	Eragrostus curvula	Ornamental Grasses	Α
Wild Ginger 🛛	Asarum canadense	Perennials	Α
Winter Aconite	Eranthus hyemalis	Bulbs	Α
Wood Fern	Dryopteris marginalis	Ferns	Α
Yucca	Yucca filimentosa	Perennials	Α
African Lily	Agapanthus sp.	Perennials	В
Allegheny Serviceberry	Amelanchier laevis	Trees	В
American Bittersweet	Celastrus scandens	Vines	В
Anthony Waterer Spirea	Spiraea x bumalda	Shrubs	В
Armstrong Juniper	Juniperus chinensis 'Armstrongii'	Shrubs	В
Asparagus	Asparagus officinalis	Perennials	В
Aster	Aster sp.	Perennials	В
Astilbe	Astilbe sp.	Perennials	В
Austrian Pine	Pinus nigra	Trees	В
Autumn Olive	Elaeagnus umbellatus	Shrubs	В
Baby's Breath	Gypsophila sp.	Perennials	В
Bachelor's Buttons	Centaurea cyanus	Annuals	В
Bamboo	Bambusa sp.	Ornamental Grasses	В
Basil	Ocimum basilicum	Annuals	В
Bearberry Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster dammeri	Shrubs	В
Beautyberry	Callicarpa sp.	Shrubs	В
Beautybush	Kolkwitzia amabilis	Shrubs	В
Beebalm 🗌	Monarda didyma	Perennials	В
Black-Eyed Susan 🛛	Rudbeckia sp.	Perennials	В
Blackhaw Viburnum	Viburnum prunifolium	Shrubs	В
Blazing Star	Liatris sp.	Perennials	В
Blue Star Juniper	Juniperus squamata 'Blue Star'	Shrubs	В
Blueberry Elder, Sweet Elder	Sambucus canadensis	Shrubs	В

Bog Rosemary	Andromeda polifolia	Shrubs	В
Borage	Borage officinalis	Annuals	В
Bottlebrush Grass	Hystrix patula	Ornamental Grasses	В
Brambles	Rubus sp.	Shrubs	В
Bridalwreath Spirea	Spiraea prunifolia	Shrubs	В
Buckthorn	Rhammus sp.	Shrubs	В
Bugloss	Anchusa sp.	Perennials	В
Butterfly Weed	Asclepias tuberosa	Perennials	В
California Poppy	Eschscholzia californica	Annuals	В
California Sweetshrub	Calycanthus occidentalis	Shrubs	В
Calla Lily	Zantedeschia sp.	Bulbs	В
Camassia	Camassia leichtlini	Bulbs	В
Candytuft	Iberis sempervirens	Perennials	В
Candytuft	Iberis umbellata	Annuals	В
Canna Lily	Canna sp.	Bulbs	В
Cardinal Flower	Lobelia sp.	Perennials	В
Carnation, Pinks	Dianthus sp.	Perennials	В
Carolina Silverbell	Halesia carolina	Shrubs	В
Cherry Laurel	Prunus laurocerasus	Shrubs	В
Chinese Fringe Tree	Chionanthus retusus	Trees	В
Chinese Holly	llex cornuta	Shrubs	В
Chinese Juniper ( <u>1</u> )	Juniperus chinensis cv.	Shrubs	В
Chinese Paper Birch	Betula albo-sinensis	Trees	В
Coast Leucothoe	Leucothoe axillaris	Shrubs	В
Cock's Comb	Celosia sp.	Annuals	В
Colorado Blue Spruce	Picea pungens	Trees	В
Columbine	Aquilegia sp.	Perennials	В
Common Flowering Quince	Chaenomeles speciosa	Trees	В
Common Lilac	Syringa vulgaris	Shrubs	В
Common Sassafras	Sassafras albidurn	Trees	В
Common Sweetshrub	Calycanthus floridus	Shrubs	В
Common Witchhazel	Hamamelis virginiana	Shrubs	В
Common Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	Perennials	В
Coralbells	Heuchera sp.	Perennials	В
Coralberry	Symphoricarpos x chenaultii	Shrubs	В
Corkscrew Willow	Salix matsudana tortuosa	Trees	В
Cranberry Bush	Viburnum opulus	Shrubs	В
Cranberry Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster apiculatus	Shrubs	В
Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica	Shrubs	В
Creeping Juniper ( <u>1</u> )	Juniperus horizontalis cv.	Shrubs	В

Creeping Wintergreen	Gaultheria procumbens	Groundcovers	В
Crocosmia	Croscosmia sp.	Perennials	В
Crocus	Crocus sp.	Bulbs	В
Currant	Ribes sp.	Shrubs	В
Cyclamen	Cyclamen sp.	Perennials	В
Dawn Redwood	Metasequoia glyptostroboides	Trees	В
Delphinium	Delphinium sp.	Perennials	В
Deutzia 🛛	Deutzia sp.	Shrubs	В
Dill	Anethumus graveolens	Annuals	В
Doublefile Viburnum 🛛	Viburnum plicatum tomentosurn	Shrubs	В
Douglas Fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Trees	В
Downy Serviceberry	Amelanchier arborea	Trees	В
Dragon Lady, San Jose Holly	llex x aquipernyi	Trees	В
Drooping Sedge	Carex pendula	Ornamental Grasses	В
Dwarf Balsam Fir	Abies balsamea	Shrubs	В
Dwarf Mondo Grass	Ophiopogon japonicus	Ornamental Grasses	В
Eastern Red Cedar 🛛	Juniperus virginiana	Trees	В
Eastern White Pine	Pinus strobus	Trees	В
<u>Elephant Ear</u>	Colocasia esculenta	Bulbs	В
English Hawthorn	Crataegus laevigata	Trees	В
English Holly	llex aquifolium	Shrubs	В
European Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	Trees	В
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica	Trees	В
European White Birch	Betula pendula	Trees	В
<u>Feverfew</u>	Chrysanthemum parthenium	Perennials	В
Firethorn	Pyracantha coccinea	Shrubs	В
Foam Flower	Tiarella cordifolia	Perennials	В
Forget-Me-Not	Myosotis alpestris	Biennials	В
Forsythia 🛛	Forsythia x intermedia	Shrubs	В
Fothergillia	Fothergila sp.	Shrubs	В
French Marigold 🛛	Tagetes patula	Annuals	В
Gas Plant 🛛	Dictamus alba	Perennials	В
Gladiolus	Gladiolus sp.	Bulbs	В
Glory Lily	Gloriosa superba	Bulbs	В
Glossy Abelia	Abelia sp.	Shrubs	В
<u>Goldenrain Tree</u>	Koelreuteria paniculata	Trees	В
Goldenrod	Solidago sp.	Perennials	В
<u>Goldust Plant</u>	Aucuba japonica	Shrubs	В
Grape Hyacinth	Muscari sp.	Bulbs	В
Green Ash	Fraximus pennsylvanica	Trees	В

Hardy Geranium	Geranium macrorrhizum	Perennials	В
Harlequin Glorybower	Clerodendrum fargesii	Shrubs	В
Hazelnut	Corylus sp.	Shrubs	В
<u>Heartleaf Bergenia</u>	Bergenia sp.	Perennials	В
Hens and Chickens	Sempervivum sp.	Perennials	В
Himalayan Birch	Betula jacquemontii	Trees	В
Holly Osmanthus	Osmanthus heterophyllus	Shrubs	В
Honey Locust	Gleditsia triacanthos	Trees	В
Hyacinth	Hyacinthus sp.	Bulbs	В
Inkberry	llex glabra	Shrubs	В
Jacob's Ladder	Polemonium caeruleum	Perennials	В
Japanese Anemone	Anemone x hybrida	Perennials	В
Japanese Cedar	Cryptomeria japonica	Trees	В
Japanese Falsecypress	Chamaecyparis pisifera	Trees	В
Japanese Flowering Cherry	Prunus serrulata	Trees	В
Japanese Flowering Quince	Chaenomeles japonica	Shrubs	В
Japanese Garden Juniper	Juniperus procumbens 'Nana'	Shrubs	В
Japanese Kerria	Kerria japonica	Shrubs	В
Japanese Maple	Acer palmatum	Trees	В
Japanese Red Pine	Pinus densiflora	Trees	В
Japanese Spirea	Spiraea japonica	Shrubs	В
Japanese Tree Lilac	Syringa reticulata	Shrubs	В
Judd Viburnum	Viburnum x juddii	Shrubs	В
Koreanspice Viburnum	Viburnum carlesii	Shrubs	В
Kousa Dogwood 🛛	Cornus kousa	Trees	В
Ladys' Mantle	Alchemilla sp.	Perennials	В
Lance Coreopsis 🛛	Coreopsis lanceolata	Perennials	В
Lantana 🗆	Lantana sp.	Annuals	В
Large Periwinkle	Vinca major	Groundcovers	В
Leatherleaf Viburnum	Viburnum rhytidophyllum	Shrubs	В
Lilyturf	Liriope sp.	Groundcovers	В
Lobelia	Lobelia sp.	Annuals	В
Lupine	Lupinus sp.	Perennials	В
Maltese Cross	Lychnis chalcedonica	Perennials	В
Meadow Sage	Salvia nemorosa	Perennials	В
Mist Flower	Eupatorium coelestinurn	Perennials	В
Money Plant 🛛	Lunaria annua	Biennials	В
Mountain Juniper ( <u>1</u> )	Juniperus scopulorum cv.	Shrubs	В
Mugo Pine	Pinus mugo	Shrubs	В
Mullein	Verbascum sp.	Perennials	В

Nasturtium	Tropaeolum majus	Annuals	В
Norway Spruce	Picea abies	Trees	В
Obedient Plant	Physostegia sp.	Perennials	В
Oriental Poppy	Papaver orientale	Perennials	В
Paperbark Maple	Acer griseurn	Trees	В
Parsley	Petroselinum crispum	Annuals	В
Patrinia	Patrinia scabiosifolia	Perennials	В
Periwinkle	Vinca minor	Groundcovers	В
Pfitzer Juniper	Juniperus chinensis 'Pfitzerana'	Shrubs	В
Pincushin Flower	Scabiosa caucasica	Perennials	В
Plumbago 🗌	Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	Groundcovers	В
Plume Poppy	Macleaya cordata	Perennials	В
Primrose	Primula sp.	Perennials	В
Privet	Ligustrurn sp.	Shrubs	В
Purple Coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	Perennials	В
Pyrenees Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster congestus	Shrubs	В
Red Chokeberry	Aronia arbutifolia	Shrubs	В
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	Trees	В
Red Osier Dogwood	Cornus sericea	Shrubs	В
Red Twigged Dogwood	Cornus alba	Shrubs	В
Red-Hot Poker	Kniphofia tritoma	Perennials	В
Redvein Enkianthus	Enkianthus campanulatus	Shrubs	В
Rhubarb	Rheum rhabarbarum	Perennials	В
Ribbon Grass	Phalaris arundinaceae	<b>Ornamental Grasses</b>	В
Rockspray Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster horizontalis	Shrubs	В
Rose of Sharon	Hibiscus syriacus	Shrubs	В
Ruby Horsechestnut	Aesculus x carnea	Trees	В
Rue Anemone	Anemonella thalictroides	Perennials	В
<mark>Salvia</mark>	Salvia	Annuals	В
Saucer Magnolia	Magnolia x soulangiana	Shrubs	В
Savin/Tam Juniper	Juniperus sabin cv.	Shrubs	В
Savory	Satureja montana	Perennials	В
Scotch Pine	Pinus sylvestris	Trees	В
Sea Buckthorn	Hippophae rhamnoides	Shrubs	В
Sea Thrift	Armeria maritima	Perennials	В
Sedge	Scirpus lacustris	<b>Ornamental Grasses</b>	В
Serbian Spruce	Picea omorika	Trees	В
Shadbush	Amelanchier canadensis	Trees	В
Shiso	Perilla frutescens	Annuals	В
Singleseed Juniper ( <u>1</u> )	Juniperus squamata cv.	Shrubs	в

Skunk Cabbage	Symplocarpos foetidus	Perennials	В
Smokebush 🗌	Cotinus coggygria	Shrubs	В
Snakeroot, Bugbane	Cimcifuga sp.	Perennials	В
Sneezeweed	Helenium autumnale	Perennials	В
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	Shrubs	В
Snow-in-Summer	Cerastium	Perennials	В
Soapwort	Saponaria sp.	Perennials	В
Sourwood	Oxydendrum arboreum	Trees	В
Speedwell	Veronica sp.	Perennials	В
Spicebush	Lindera benzoin	Shrubs	В
Spiderwort	Tradescantia sp.	Perennials	В
St. John's Wort □	Hypericum calycinum	Perennials	В
St. John's Wort □	Hypericum prolificum	Shrubs	В
Stocks	Matthiola sp.	Annuals	В
Stokes' Aster	Stokesia laevis	Perennials	В
Striped Maple	Acer pensylvanicum	Trees	В
Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	Trees	В
Swamp Milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	Perennials	В
Sweet Mock Orange	Philadelphus coronarius	Shrubs	В
Sweet Pepperbush	Clethra sp.	Shrubs	В
Sweet William	Dianthus barbatus	Biennials	В
Toad Lily 🛛	Tricyrtis hirta	Perennials	В
Trillium	Trillium sp.	Perennials	В
Trout Lily	Erythronium	Perennials	В
Tulip Tree	Liriodendron tulipifera	Trees	В
Verbena	Verbena x hybrida	Annuals	В
Violets	Viola sp.	Perennials	В
Virginia Bluebells	Mertensia virginica	Perennials	В
Virginia Sweetspire	Itea virginica	Shrubs	В
Wallflower	Cheiranthus sp.	Annuals	В
Weigela	Weigela florida	Shrubs	В
White Boltonia	Boltonia asteroides	Perennials	В
White Snakeroot	Eupatorium rugosum	Perennials	В
White Spruce	Picea glauca	Trees	В
Willowleaf Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster salicifolius	Shrubs	В
Winter Jasmine	Jasminum nudiflorum	Vines	В
Winterberry Holly	llex verticillata	Shrubs	В
Wisteria	Wisteria floribunda	Vines	В
Wood Sorrel	Oxalis sp.	Bulbs	В
Yarrow	Achillea filipendulina	Perennials	В

Yellow Birch	Betula lutea	Trees	В
Yellow Foxglove	Digitalis grandiflora	Perennials	В
Yellow Wax-Bells	Kirengeshoma palmata	Perennials	В
Youngstown Andorra Juniper	Juniperus horizontalis 'Youngstown'	Shrubs	В
Zinnia 🗆	Zinnia sp.	Annuals	В
Alternate-Leaved Dogwood	Cornus alternifolia	Trees	С
Apples	Malus sp.	Trees	С
Atlantic White Cedar	Chamaecyparis thyoides	Trees	С
Atlas Cedar	Cedrus atlantica	Trees	С
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	Trees	С
Balloon Flower	Platycodon grandiflorus	Perennials	С
Balsam Fir	Abies balsamea	Trees	С
Balsam, Touch-Me-Not	Impatiens balsamina	Annuals	С
Basswood	Tilia americana	Trees	С
Bellflower	Campanula glomerata	Perennials	С
Bigleaf Hydrangea	Hydrangea macrophylla	Shrubs	С
Black Locust	Robinia pseudoacia	Trees	С
Blanket Flower	Gaillardia sp.	Perennials	С
Bloodtwig Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea	Shrubs	С
Blue Holly	llex x meserveae	Shrubs	С
Caladium	Caladium sp.	Bulbs	С
Callery Pear	Pyrus calleryana	Trees	С
Canterbury Bells	Campanula medium	Biennials	С
Carolina Hemlock	Tsuga caroliniana	Trees	С
Carolina Rhododendron	Rhododendron carolinianum	Shrubs	С
Catawba Rhododendron	Rhododendron catawbiense	Shrubs	С
Checkermallow	Sidalcia malviflora	Perennials	С
Chestnut Oak	Quercus prinus	Trees	С
<u>Chinese Lilac</u>	Syringa x chinesis	Shrubs	С
Clematis	Clematis sp.	Vines	С
Climbing Hydrangea	Hydrangea anomala petiolaris	Vines	С
Coleus 🗆	Coleus sp.	Annuals	С
Comfrey	Symphytum officinale	Perennials	С
Common Horsechestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum	Trees	С
Common Pear	Pyrus communis	Trees	С
Cornelian Cherry	Cornus mas	Trees	С
Cosmos	Cosmos sp.	Annuals	С
Dahlia	Dahlia sp.	Annuals	С
Daylily	Hemerocallis sp.	Perennials	С
Deciduous Azaleas ( <u>1</u> )	Rhododendron sp.	Shrubs	С

Eastern Hemlock	Tsuga canadensis	Trees	С
Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis	Trees	С
English Daisy	Bellis perennis	Perennials	С
English Ivy	Hedera helix	Groundcovers	С
English Ivy	Hedera helix	Vines	С
European Larch	Larix decidua	Trees	С
Fall Mums	Chrysanthemum	Perennials	С
Fleabane	Erigeron sp.	Perennials	С
Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	Trees	С
Fragrant Winterhazel	Corylopsis glabrescens	Shrubs	С
Fraser Fir	Abies fraseri	Trees	С
Garden Lily	Lilium sp.	Bulbs	С
Garden Petunia	Petunia sp.	Annuals	С
<u>Geranium</u>	Pelargonium sp.	Annuals	С
Gerbera Daisy	Gerbera jamesonii	Annuals	С
Geum, Avens	Geum sp.	Perennials	С
Globeflower	Trollius sp.	Perennials	С
Goat's Beard	Aruncus sp.	Perennials	С
Goldflame Honeysuckle	Lonicera x heckrottii	Vines	С
Gooseneck Loosestrife	Lysimachia clethroides	Perennials	С
Greenspire Littleleaf Linden	Tilia cordata 'Greenspire'	Trees	С
Hardy Begonia	Begonia grandis	Perennials	С
Hardy Geranium	Geranium clarkei	Perennials	С
Hardy Geranium	Geranium sanguineum	Perennials	С
Hardy Geranium	Geranium x cantabrigiense	Perennials	С
Heavenly Bamboo 🛛	Nandina sp.	Shrubs	С
Highbush Blueberry	Vaccinum corymbosum	Shrubs	С
Hinoki Cypress	Chamaecyparis obtusa	Trees	С
Hollyhock	Alcea sp.	Perennials	С
Hybrid Tea Rose	Rosa x hybrid	Shrubs	С
Impatiens	Impatiens walleriana	Annuals	С
Japanese Euonymus	Euonymus japonica	Shrubs	С
Japanese Holly 🛛	llex crenata	Shrubs	С
Late Lilac	Syringa villosa	Shrubs	С
Leyland Cypress	Cupressocyparis leyandii	Trees	С
Meadowsweet	Filipendula sp.	Perennials	С
Morning Glory	lpomea sp.	Annuals	С
Mountain Bluet	Centaurea montana	Perennials	С
Mountain Laurel 🛛	Kalmia latifolia	Shrubs	С
Multiflora Rose	Rosa multiflora	Shrubs	С

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Nellie Stevens Holly	<i>llex x</i> 'Nellie R. Stevens'	Trees	С
Northern Red Oak	Quercus rubra	Trees	С
Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	Trees	С
Oakleaf Hydrangea 🛛	Hydrangea quercifolia	Shrubs	С
Panicle Hydrangea	Hydrangea paniculata	Shrubs	С
Panicled Dogwood	Cornus racemosa	Shrubs	С
Pansy	Viola sp.	Annuals	С
Penstemon	Penstemon sp.	Perennials	С
Pernyi Holly	llex pernyi	Trees	С
Persian Lilac	Syringa x persica	Shrubs	С
Phlox 🛛	Phlox sp.	Perennials	С
Pink Turtlehead	Chelone sp.	Perennials	С
Purple Leaf Sand Cherry	Prunus x cistena	Shrubs	С
Purple Loosestrife	Lythrum sp.	Perennials	С
Rose Mallow	Hibiscus moscheutos	Perennials	С
Rosebay Rhododendron	Rhododendron maximum	Shrubs	С
Rugosa Rose	Rosa rugosa	Shrubs	С
Shasta Daisy	Chrysanthemum superbum	Perennials	С
Shasta Daisy	Leucanthemum maximum	Perennials	С
Shore Juniper	Juniperus conferta	Shrubs	С
Showy Sedum	Sedum spectabile	Perennials	С
Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum	Trees	С
Smooth Hydrangea	Hydrangea arborescens	Shrubs	С
Solomon's Seal	Polygonatum sp.	Perennials	С
Spurge	Euphorbia dulcis 'Chameleon'	Perennials	С
Staghorn Sumac	Rhus typhina	Trees	С
Sundrops	Oenethera sp.	Perennials	С
Sunflower	Helianthus sp.	Annuals	С
Sweet Cherry	Prunus avium	Trees	С
Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	Trees	С
Trumpet Creeper 🛛	Campsis radicans	Vines	С
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquifolia	Vines	С
Wax Begonia	Begonia semperflorens	Annuals	С
Western Arborvitae	Thuja plicata	Trees	С
White Fir	Abies concolor	Trees	С
White Fringe Tree	Chionanthus virginicus	Trees	С
White Oak	Quercus alba	Trees	С
Willows ( <u>1</u> )	Salix sp.	Trees	С
Winged Euonymus	Euonymus alata	Shrubs	С
Wintercreeper	Euonymus fortunei	Groundcovers	С

American Arborvitae	Thuja occidentalis	Trees	D
Candy Lily	Pardancanda x norrisii	Perennials	D
Cherries ( <u>1</u> )	Prunus sp.	Trees	D
European Mountain Ash	Sorbus aucuparia	Trees	D
Evergreen Azaleas ( <u>1</u> )	Rhododendron sp.	Shrubs	D
Hardy Geranium	Geranium endressii	Perennials	D
Hosta 🛛	Hosta sp.	Perennials	D
Pinxterbloom Azalea	Rhododendron penclymenoides	Shrubs	D
Plums	Prunus sp.	Trees	D
Rhododendrons ( <u>1</u> )	Rhododendron sp.	Shrubs	D
Sea-Holly	Eryngium sp.	Perennials	D
Strawberry	Fragraria sp.	Perennials	D
Tulip	Tulip sp.	Bulbs	D
Wintercreeper	Euonymus fortunei	Shrubs	D
Wintercreeper	Euonymus fortunei	Vines	D
Yews	Taxus sp.	Shrubs	D

### Footnotes

1 Check other rating categories to find additional species or cultivars of this genus.

2 May eat buds.

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To be a good pet owning neighbor you should:

<u>Control excessive noise</u>: If you own a dog or bird be aware of the noise they can make. Many pet owners can become selectively deaf, tuning out or ignoring the noise their pets can make. It is important for pet owners to minimize the impact their pets have on their neighbors. Carefully monitoring your pets at night, mornings and on the weekends can make for a peaceful neighborhood.

<u>Keep your pet under control:</u> Fences can make great neighbors. People that do not own pets do not appreciate your pet coming onto their property. What you see as an adorable ball of fur can sometimes be your neighbor's worst nightmare. When walking your pet always use a leash this not only makes your neighbor more comfortable but can also save your pets life.

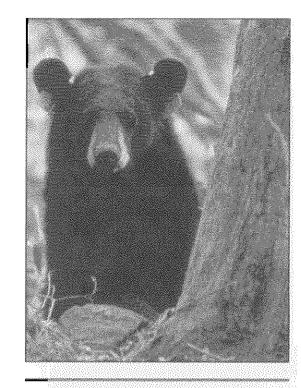
<u>Maintain sanitary conditions</u>: Most communities in New Jersey have pooper scooper laws. It is not only your responsibility to clean up after your pet it is also creates a healthy environment for your pet. Many people take great pride in their property, allowing your pet to urinate or defecate on your neighbor's property will definitely lead to problems.

Be an educated pet owner: Know the laws in your community and obey them.

Being a responsible pet owner will make you a good neighbor

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# You Are in Bear Country



Black bears are large, powerful wild animals and should be treated with respect. Be alert in areas where bears are active. DO NOT approach any bear in the wild.





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# Camping in Black Bear Country

To fully enjoy your camping or outdoor experience in Bear Country, the following "Ten Commandments of Camping" must be observed.

1. Keep a clean camp. Food and all items that come in contact with food carry odors that bears can smell.

2. Thoroughly clean all utensils immediately after use. Never deposit food residues (i.e., cooking grease) into campfires.

3. Place garbage where bears cannot smell or gain access to it, either in bearproof containers or dumpsters. DON'T burn or bury garbage. Bears will dig it up.

4. Do not eat or cook in your tent. Avoid storing food or attractants in tents, sleeping bags, or backpacks.

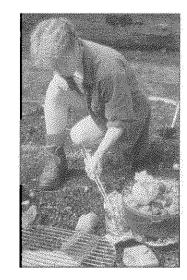
5. Treat non-food items such as gum, soap, or deodorant as food. They are attractive to a bear's acute sense of smell.

6. Immediately store food articles after every use in airtight containers. Coolers are not airtight and bears often associate them with food. Secure them in a locked trunk or truck cab concealed from view.

7. Cook only as much food as you will eat. Avoid as much food garbage as possible. 8. Never attempt to feed a bear or any other wild animal.

9. Approaching wildlife, especially black bears, can be a dangerous action.

10. Please keep your dog on a leash and clean up leftover food and scraps after your dog has finished eating.



Bears learn very quickly. Black bears that associate food with people may become aggressive and dangerous. This may lead to personal injury, property damage and the need to euthanize problem animals.

Report all bear damage and nuisance incidents to your camp office immediately. To learn more about New Jersey's black bears, visit the Division of Fish and Wildlife's web site at www.njfishandwildlife.com.

### If A Bear Comes Into Camp:

Remain calm. Make the bear aware of your presence.

Do not feed the bear!

Keep at least 15 feet away from the bear.

Make sure the bear has an escape route.

Yell, bang pots and pans, or use an airhorn to scare the bear away.

The bear may utter a series of huffs, snap (pop) its jaws, and swat the ground. These are all warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away.

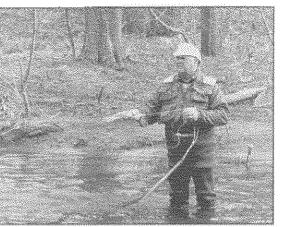
If the bear will not leave, move to your car or a building, if available. Notify proper authorities immediately if you encounter an aggressive or non-yielding bear.

Remember: Bears chase off easier before they obtain food. Keep a clean campsite.

If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer, it may be trying to get a better view or detect smells in the air.

Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, and then slowly back away.

### Hiking/Fishing in Bear Country



Normal trail noise should alert bears to your presence and prompt a bear to leave before you ever see it.

Use caution in areas (i.e. berry patches) where bears are likely to venture.

Do not leave fish entrails on shorelines of lakes or streams. Sink entrails in deep water.

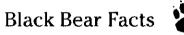
Use common sense in a bear encounter – never approach the animal and only observe it from a distance. Make it aware of your presence by clapping, talking, singing, or making other sounds.

If you encounter a bear at close range, remain standing upright, avoid direct eye contact, back up slowly and speak in a calm, assertive, and assuring voice.

### Black Bears in New Jersey

Black bears are the largest land mammal in the Garden State and live in forested areas throughout northern New Jersey. They are native to New Jersey, but were negatively impacted by the clearing of land for settlements, timber and farms, and by indiscriminate killing. As a result, their numbers decreased and their range was reduced to the most remote areas in the northern part of the state. The population recovered after being afforded the protection of game animal status, and habitat improved as forests matured.





 Black bears inhabit the forested regions of northern New Jersey. Prime habitat consists of mixed hardwood forests, dense swamps and forested wetlands.

□ Black bear numbers have been increasing and their range expanding south and east since the 1980's.

□ The New Jersey bear population has grown to at least 1400 in the year 2001 and it is estimated that a minimum of 350 new cubs are born each year.

□ Bears are highly adaptable, living in and among human development. Home range sizes range up to 60 square miles for males and 10 square miles for females.

 $\hfill\square$  Bears can live more than 20 years.

**D** Bears learn quickly and have excellent senses of smell and hearing.

□ Black bears are omnivorous, eating plant and animal matter. They are opportunistic feeders and will supplement their diet with food derived from humans.

□ Approximately 75% of a black bear's diet consists of plant material, including skunk cabbage, grasses, forbs, tubers and bulbs, soft mast (blueberries, huckleberries, raspberries, blackberries, wild cherries) and hard mast (acorns, beechnuts, hickory nuts).

□ Animal matter includes bees and other insects (adult, larvae and eggs), small mammals, bird eggs, white-tailed deer fawns, road-killed deer, and carrion.

□ Adult females average 185 pounds; adult males average 396 pounds.

□ Breeding season runs from late May until August, peaking in June and July.

□ Cubs are born in January, weigh about 8 ounces when born, are blind and covered with thin hair. Average litter size is 3, ranging from 1 to 6.

• Cubs travel with the female until she breeds again, 16-18 months later.

□ Black bears den for the winter, becoming dormant to avoid periods of food shortages and severe weather. Bears do not eat, drink, urinate or defecate while denning. Den sites include rock cavities, brush piles, open nests and hollow trees.

□ Black bears can run up to 35 miles per hour. Bears are strong swimmers.

□ Bears are excellent climbers. Both adults and cubs will climb trees for food and to escape disturbances.

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If the young animals do survive in captivity and are released back into the wild, they have missed the experiences that help them to fend for themselves and are more likely to perish. Their ability to find natural foods is limited. Their defenses against predators are lacking. And they may find themselves an unwelcome intruder in the territory of another member of their species.

Often, care given to young wildlife by untrained individuals unavoidably results in some attachment to people. Upon release into the wild, those animals generally have little fear of humans. Some return to places where people live, only to be attacked by domestic animals or to be hit by cars. Some become nuisances getting into stored food, trash cans or dwellings. People have also been injured by once-tamed wildlife.

## WHAT TO DO Leave them alone!

You can actually increase young wildlife's chances of survival by following one simple rule when finding them: LEAVE THEM ALONEI It may be difficult to do, but this is the real act of kindness. In nearly all cases, young wildlife do not need to be saved. Resist the temptation to help them. Only when they are found injured or with their dead mother is there reason to do something, and the State's wildlife law is specific about what may be done legally.

State law protects nearly all wild birds and mammals. They may not be legally taken from the wild or kept in captivity. Never consider them as possible pets; it is both illegal and unwise. They are wild animals that belong in the wild. However, a distressed or injured wild animal may legally be kept temporarily with the permission of the Division (other than a potentially dangerous species) provided that:

- 1. The Division of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement office in your area, DEP Emergency Hotline, or the Wildlife Control Unit is notified of the situation within 12 hours, and
- 2. The Division's Wildlife Control Unit prescribes a course of action that is in the best interest of the animal. Normally the problem will be referred to a wildlife rehabilitator who has the required experience, permits and facilities to properly care for injured and distressed wildlife.
- 3. See the list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators at www.njfishandwildlife.com/rehablst.htm

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If the young animals do survive in captivity and are released back into the wild, they have missed the experiences that help them to fend for themselves and are more likely to perish. Their ability to find natural foods is limited. Their defenses against predators are lacking. And they may find themselves an unwelcome intruder in the territory of another member of their species.

Often, care given to young wildlife by untrained individuals unavoidably results in some attachment to people. Upon release into the wild, those animals generally have little fear of humans. Some return to places where people live, only to be attacked by domestic animals or to be hit by cars. Some become nuisances getting into stored food, trash cans or dwellings. People have also been injured by once-tamed wildlife.

## WHAT TO DO Leave them alone!

You can actually increase young wildlife's chances of survival by following one simple rule when finding them: LEAVE THEM ALONEI It may be difficult to do, but this is the real act of kindness. In nearly all cases, young wildlife do not need to be saved. Resist the temptation to help them. Only when they are found injured or with their dead mother is there reason to do something, and the State's wildlife law is specific about what may be done legally.

State law protects nearly all wild birds and mammals. They may not be legally taken from the wild or kept in captivity. Never consider them as possible pets; it is both illegal and unwise. They are wild animals that belong in the wild. However, a distressed or injured wild animal may legally be kept temporarily with the permission of the Division (other than a potentially dangerous species) provided that:

- 1. The Division of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement office in your area, DEP Emergency Hotline, or the Wildlife Control Unit is notified of the situation within 12 hours, and
- 2. The Division's Wildlife Control Unit prescribes a course of action that is in the best interest of the animal. Normally the problem will be referred to a wildlife rehabilitator who has the required experience, permits and facilities to properly care for injured and distressed wildlife.
- 3. See the list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators at www.njfishandwildlife.com/rehablst.htm

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