



Plants Less Tasty to Deer

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If you live in an area frequented by these appealing but voracious creatures, you may wish to bargain for peaceful coexistence by including some of the following plants in your garden.

KEYS TO FLOWER COLOR:	B	blue	R	red
	G	green	V	violet/purple
	O	orange	W	white
	P	pink	Y	yellow



SHRUBS & PERENNIALS

- *Arctostaphylos* spp., Manzanita P/W – tough, thick foliage
- *Artemisia californica*, Coastal Sagebrush – bitter, scented foliage
- *Baccharis* spp., Coyote Brush W – waxy, scented foliage
- *Berberis* spp., Barberry Y – prickly leaves
- *Calycanthus occidentalis*, Spice Bush R – scented foliage
- **Carpenteria californica*, Bush Anemone W – tough, shiny foliage
- **Ceanothus purpureus* and cultivars, California Lilac B/V – spiny foliage
 - Not safe: most *Ceanothus* with smooth (non-prickly) leaves, such as *C. arboreus* and *C. griseus*
- **Dendromecon* spp., Bush Poppy Y – tough, waxy foliage
- *Epilobium canum latifolia* and *E. canum*, California Fuchsia R/W – thin, tough foliage
- *Eriogonum fasciculatum*, California Buckwheat W – dry, needle-like foliage
 - Not safe: *Eriogonum arborescens*, Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat, *Eriogonum crocatum*, Conejo Buckwheat or *Eriogonum giganteum*, St. Catherine's Lace
- *Erigeron glaucus*, Seaside Daisy B/V – bitter/unpalatable
- *Eschscholzia californica*, California Poppy O – poisonous
- *Fragaria* spp., Wild Strawberry W – bitter/unpalatable
- *Iris* spp., Iris B/R/V/W – bitter/unpalatable
- *Lupinus* spp., Lupine B/P/V – poisonous
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- *Mimulus* spp., Monkey Flower O/P/R/Y – bitter/unpalatable
- *Monardella* spp., Coyote Mint P/V/W – scented foliage
- *Penstemon* spp., Penstemon, Beard-Tongue B/P/R/V – bitter/unpalatable
- *Prunus* spp., Cherry W – bitter, waxy foliage
- *Rhus* spp., Sumac P/W including *R. integrifolia*, *R. laurina* and *R. ovata*, Sugar Bush – scented foliage
- *Ribes* spp., Currant P/R/W – scented foliage
- *Romneya coulteri*, Matilija Poppy W – tough, bitter foliage
- *Salvia* spp., Sage B/P/V/W – scented foliage
- **Sisyrinchium bellum* and cultivars, Blue-Eyed Grass B/V – bitter/unpalatable
- *Tellima grandiflora*, Fringe-Cups R/W – bitter/unpalatable

* fresh foliage may occasionally be nibbled in spring

TREES

- *Aesculus californica*, California Buckeye W – poisonous
- Conifers (most) – tough, needle- or scale-like foliage
- *Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius*, Santa Cruz Ironwood W – scented foliage
- *Quercus* spp., Oak (most), especially prickly varieties such as *Q. agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak
- *Sambucus mexicana*, Elderberry W/Y – bitter
- *Washingtonia filifera*, California Fan Palm – tough, stringy leaves