



BOWMAN'S HILL WILDFLOWER PRESERVE

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Deer Tolerant/Resistant Native Plants

There are no truly deer resistant or tolerant plants; any plant when eaten repeatedly will eventually succumb. Deer will eat ANYTHING if they are hungry enough. Also, plants left untouched in one area may be a favorite in another. Nevertheless, the following list is a compilation of native plant species taken from a combination of staff observation over a period of years and several existing lists of "deerproof plants". Check the companion list for plants that deer generally prefer.

Herbaceous plants :

Aconitum uncinatum (monkshood)
Actaea spp. (doll's eyes)
Agastache scrophulariifolia (giant purple hyssop)
Agrimonia parviflora (small agrimony)
Allium cernuum/*A. tricoccum* (wild onion/leek)
Amsonia hubrechtii+/*tabernaemontana* (blue star)
Andropogon gerardii (big bluestem)
Aquilegia canadensis (wild columbine)
Arisaema spp. (Jack-in-the-pulpit)
Aruncus dioicus (goat's beard)
**Asarum canadense* (wild ginger)
Asclepias spp. (butterflyweed, milkweed)
**Aster novae-angliae* (New England aster)
Aster oblongifolius (aromatic aster)
Baptisia australis (blue false indigo)
Cimicifuga racemosa (black cohosh)
**Clematis virginiana* (Virgin's-bower)
Coreopsis lanceolata+/*C. tripteris* (tickseed)
Coreopsis rosea (rose coreopsis)
Dicentra eximia (fringed bleeding-heart)
Euphorbia corollata (flowering spurge)
Fern species
Geranium maculatum (wood geranium)
Helenium autumnale (Helen's flower)
Hibiscus moscheutos (swamp rose-mallow)
Iris versicolor (blue flag iris)
Jeffersonia diphylla (twin-leaf)
Liatris spicata (dense blazing star)
**Lobelia siphilitica* (great blue lobelia)
Mimulus ringens/*M. alatus* (monkey flower)
Monarda fistulosa (wild bergamot)
Panicum virgatum (switch grass)
Penstemon digitalis/*P. hirsutus* (beardtongue)
Phlox divaricata (blue wood phlox)

Phlox stolonifera (creeping phlox)
Physostegia virginiana (obedient plant)
**Podophyllum peltatum* (may-apple)
Polemonium reptans (Jacob's-ladder)
Rudbeckia fulgida/*R. hirta* (black-eyed Susan)
Scutellaria incana (skullcap)
Solidago spp. (goldenrods)
Symplocarpus foetidus (skunk-cabbage)
Verbena hastata (blue vervain)
Veronicastrum virginicum (Culver's-root)

Trees and Shrubs

Acer spp. (maple)
Amelanchier spp. (service berry)
Betula spp. (birch)
Calycanthus floridus (Carolina allspice)
Carpinus spp. (hornbeam)
Clethra alnifolia (summersweet)
Dirca palustris (leatherwood)
Fagus spp. (beech)
Fraxinus spp. (ash)
Gleditsia triacanthos (honeylocust)
Hamamelis spp. (witchhazel)
Hypericum prolificum (Shrubby St. John's-wort)
Hypericum pyramidatum (Great St. John's-wort)
Leucothoe racemosa (fetterbush)
Lindera benzoin (spicebush)
Liquidambar styraciflua (sweet gum)
Lonicera sempervirens (trumpet honeysuckle)
**Magnolia* spp.
Myrica pensylvanica (bayberry)
Nyssa sylvatica (sourgum)
Quercus spp. (oak) - acorns attract deer, however
Viburnum spp.

+ = Not native to Pennsylvania *=Plants periodically browsed at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

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