

# DEER PROOF PLANTS

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## **Deer Proof Plants** – updated list

The summer of 2018 in Pagosa Country was a perfect year to determine if the deer will ever eat plants in your garden. As you can see there is a considerable list of plants that the deer do not eat.

It would be very beneficial if folks will email me and let me know of any additions or changes to the list concerning deer damage that they experienced, so that the Garden Club can publish the compiled results. We expect to finalize the list by spring. If there are changes, I will send out updates several times before the list is published.

If the deer ate in your garden any of the plants that I have listed, please let me know. Also, please let me know if you had plants that they did not eat in your garden. If you spray or fence, they do not count.

Thanks, Ron Chacey – [rchacey@centurytel.net](mailto:rchacey@centurytel.net)

The following are plants that have only been reported as not been eaten by deer:

Iris

Yucca

Juniper

Rabbit Brush

Native Asters

Native Perky Sue

Native Potentilla

Barberry Shrub

Russian Sage

Cyprus Spurge – a euphorbia

Globe Thistle – blue or white

Centaurea – only Rosea, a pink thistle like flower & yellow hard head

Lambs Ear

Daffodil – narcissis

Germander

Yarrow

Nepeta

Purple Coneflower - echinacea

White Bleeding Heart

Soapwort

Snow in Summer

Jupiter's Beard

Lemon Balm

Thyme

Lavender

Mint

Tarragon

The following are plants that are not eaten by deer in a garden, but they are eaten, but not killed, by deer at another garden

Oregano

Salvia – Meadow Sage

The following are plants that are not eaten by deer until late fall & not killed

Garlic Chives