

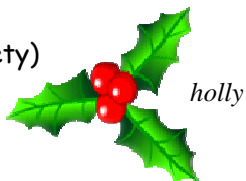
Do You Know.....what to do about those blankety-blank deer?

If you are like many citizens of Montgomery County, you have often cursed whatever evil power created the white-tailed deer. No sooner do your newly planted shrubs begin to bud or your carefully placed flowers being to push up from the soil than they are nipped off by deer. One afternoon, your garden is growing just fine and the next morning, it is all gone! You could put fences or cages around everything but that tends to detract from the beauty of your yard. Some people demand action from the county or Maryland's Department of Natural Resources while other people simply resign themselves to the fact that they are never going to have the garden they envisioned. Perhaps this is an area where we can compromise; the deer are here and are not going away. Deer, like all wildlife, do not mean to be destructive, they are just making the best of a difficult situation. You might try choosing plants that deer do not particularly like.

There are many trees, shrubs and flowers that are not on the normal menu for deer. These plants not only provide shade and beauty but many have berries and nectar that will attract birds and butterflies. When planning your landscaping, try some of the varieties listed below. We cannot guarantee zero nibbling but you may be able to have an attractive yard and still live in harmony with our wild neighbors.

Trees:

- ◇ *Amelanchier* species (juneberry, sugarplum, wild plum)
- ◇ *Cryptomeria* species (Japanese dwarf pines, maples)
- ◇ Douglas fir
- ◇ Holly (prickly variety)
- ◇ Scotch pine
- ◇ Spruce



holly

Shrubs:

- ◇ althea (*Hibiscus syriacus*)
- ◇ *Berberis* species (barberry)
- ◇ Boxwood bushes
- ◇ cherry laurel
- ◇ *Daphne* species (evergreen)
- ◇ *Elaeagnus* species (silverberry, oleaster)

Annuals:

- ◇ larkspur
- ◇ geranium
- ◇ marigold
- ◇ nasturtium
- ◇ sweet alyssum



black-eyed Susan



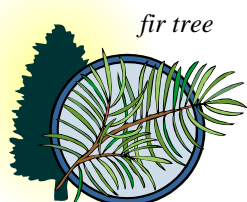
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Perennials:

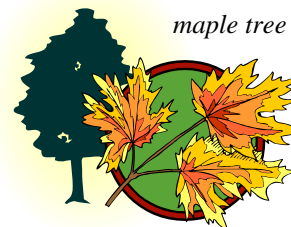
- ◇ basket-of-gold
- ◇ black-eyed Susan
- ◇ bleeding heart
- ◇ Jack-in-the-pulpit
- ◇ lavender
- ◇ lily of the valley
- ◇ plumbago
- ◇ purple coneflower
- ◇ rue anemone
- ◇ Russian sage
- ◇ yarrow



yarrow



fir tree



maple tree