

Deer Resistant Plants for Landscaping in West Central Texas

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Unfortunately, many of the most desirable landscape plants are relished by deer. While there is no such thing as a deer proof plant, there are a number of attractive plant species with desirable landscape potential which deer generally do not like to consume.

Perennial Forbs and Wildflowers

Mealycup sage	Salvia farinacea
Red mountain sage *	Salvia darcy
Silver sage *	Salvia chamaedryoides
Cedar sage	Salvia roemeriana
Mexican sagewort	Artemesia ludoviciana
Copper Canyon daisy *	Tagetes
Rocky betony	Stachys coccinea
Mexican hat (prairie coneflower)	Ratibida columnaris
Plains zinnia	Zinnia
Four nerve daisy	Tetraneris scaposa
Broom snakeweed	Gutierrezia sarothrae
Scarlet muskflower	Nyctaginea capitata
Mountain pink	Centaureum beyrichii
Twinleaf senna	Cassia roemeriana
Lindheimer senna	Cassia lindheimeri

Shrubs - Trees

Chaparral sage *	Salvia clevelandii
Mexican buckeye	Ungnadia speciosa
Lantana	Lantana species (several)
Bird of paradise	Caesalpinia
Cenizo	Leucophyllum frutescens
Mountain laurel	Sophora secundiflora
Algerita	Berberis trifoliata
Pinyon pine	Pinus
Daminanita	Chrysactinia mexicana
Juniper	Juniperus ashei or J. pinchottii
Mesquite	Prosopis glandulosa

Succulents - Cacti

Pricklypear	Opuntia species
Cholla cactus	Opuntia imbricata
Pitaya cactus	Echinocereus stramineus
Claret cup cactus	Echinocereus triglochidatus
Lechuguilla	Agave lechuguilla
Sotol	Dasyliirion stool
Yucca	Yucca species
Red flower yucca	Hesperaloe
Ocotillo	Fouqueria splendens
Sacahuiste	Nolina texensis

* These species are not native to Texas, but they are adapted and grow well.

All other species are native to parts of west central Texas