Deer Resistant Plants

green = keystone plant
red = good neighbor
purple = not native

Trees - sugar maple, river birch, hophornbeam, black walnut, hornbeam, hoptree, prickly ash, red cedar, Ohio buckeye, honeylocust, sycamore, sassafras, white pine, paw paw, American smoketree

Shrubs - hazelnut, Missouri gooseberry, fragrant sumac, smooth sumac, nannyberry, downy arrowwood, witch hazel, black currant, elderberry, coralberry, spicebush, witch alder

Grasses, sedges, rushes

Ferns (but rabbits eat some when they first sprout)

Mint family plants - anise hyssop, wood mint, wild bergamot, Canada germander, mountain mint, obedient plant, self-heal, wild mint

Onion family plants - prairie garlic, ramp, nodding onion, starry onion

Iris family plants - southern blue flag, blue-eyed grass, zig-zag iris, blue flag, dwarf crested iris

Miscellaneous - wild geranium, lanceleaf tickseed, wild ginger, mayapple, blue cohosh, milkweeds, Jack-in-the-pulpit, columbine, Jacob's ladder, white snakeroot, bluestar.

Plants Attractive to Deer

Trees - oak saplings, cherries, plums, crabapples, linden, arborvitae

Shrubs - roses, blackberries, raspberries, quaking aspen, elm, wahoo, hydrangea, yews

Forbs - strawberries, sunflowers, cup plant, phlox, hostas, daylilies, lilies, tulips, wintercreeper, clovers, soybeans, alfalfa

Fruits and nuts: apples, peaches, persimmons, acorns, hickory nuts, hazelnuts