

# Deer resistant landscapes can be rich with interest

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One of the issues many homeowners are concerned with are selecting deer resistant plant materials. Several major universities and concerned nurseries have conducted a studies to determine what plant varieties were deer resistant.

As a landscape architect for J. Franklin Styer Nurseries in Concordville, Pa., and co-designer for our exhibit in the 1994 Philadelphia Flower Show, I addressed this concern in great detail. I supplemented the lists from these studies with my own landscaping experiences. I used this master

plant list to build a working palette rich with horticultural beauty and diversity.

Several key points I learned are outlined below. First, deer resistant does not mean deer proof, rather it indicates plants that are less likely to be damaged or plants that aren't the deer's first choice for consumption.

Second, chemical treatments have short-term effectiveness while physical constraints (fences) can be either unsightly or cost prohibitive.

Third, deer are creatures of habit. They feed or travel in areas they've grown up around, even if that patch of woodland has been converted to a housing subdivi-

sion.

Fourth, if deer are hungry enough for if the food supply is very scarce in severe winters they will eat almost anything. Therefore, at times, even deer resistant plants are at risk.

One of the most asked-about trees in our flower show exhibit was the River Birch (*Betula nigra* Heritage). Prized for its rapid growth and salmon-colored bark, it can reach a height of 30-35 feet in most settings. This tree is resistance to both lead miner and birch bark borer and thrives in wet soil. Because of its drought tolerance when established, my experiences with it rate it as the best birch for the mid-Atlantic

states.

When selecting plants for deer resistant landscapes, you should make deer resistant choices which have comparable form and texture of plant that are commonly eaten. Japanese Cryptomeria (*Cryptomeria japonica* Yoshino) is a great substitution for Canadian Hemlock. While Japanese Cryptomeria preties an open, sunny site to light over-story shade, it has a similar light and feathery texture. The foliage is a beautiful bright blue-green in the summer and turns slightly bronze in colder weather.

Other broadleaf evergreens of merit are (Rhododendron carolinianum) and Holly

the deer resistant plant palette. Japanese Pteris can be used where you might be inclined to use Azaleas or Hybrid Rhododendrons on a site where deer browsing was not a concern. Some success with the several varieties of Dwarf Rhododendron (Rhododendron 'PJM', 'Baltic', and 'Olga Mezitt' just to name a few) has been observed. Their resistant qualities can be attributed to their parentage to the native Carolina Rhododendron (Rhododendron carolinianum).

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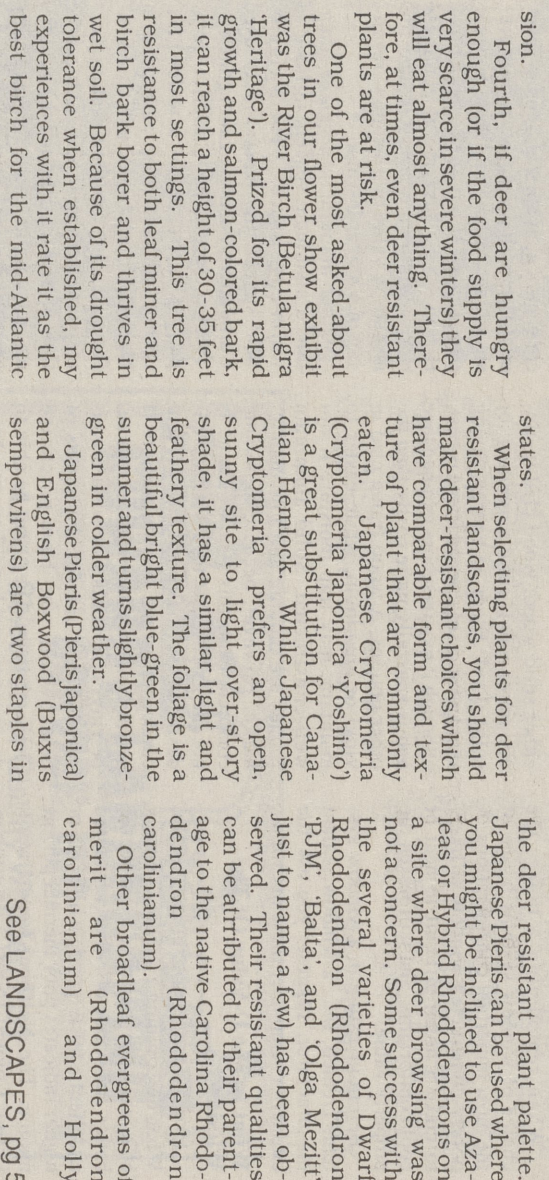
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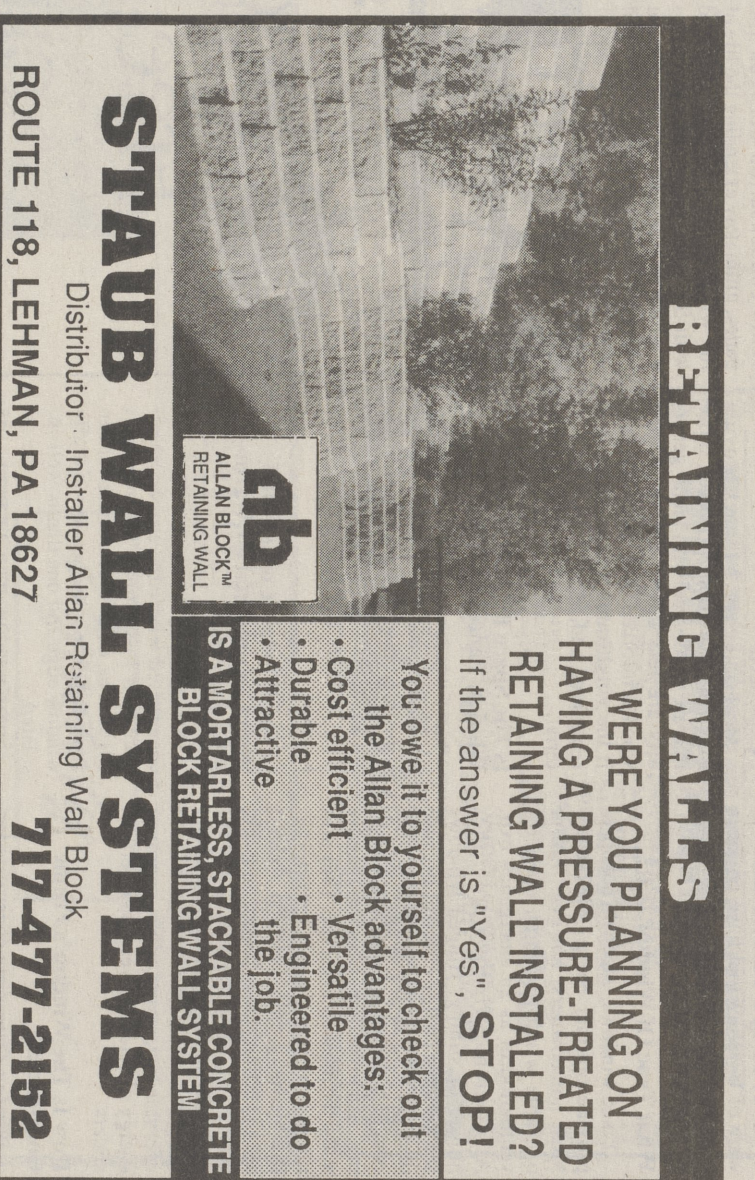
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## Landscapes

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Osmanthus (*Osmanthus heterophyllus* Gaultide). The latter's hardiness dictates that it be used in a protected spot away from drying winter winds. From a distance, its shiny, leathery, pointed foliage suggests Holly. Growing to a height of eight to 12 feet, it will require room to spread. Deer seem to find its sharp, spiny foliage unpalatable. Similar qualities can be found in Oregon Grapeholly (*Mahonia aquifolium*), William Penn Barberry (*Barberis x gladywenensis* William Penn), and Chinese Holly (*Ilex cornuta* Potunda).

After decades of use in Europe, ornamental grasses have become very popular landscape plants in the United States. Many grasses have fine serrations along the blade edges which make them undesirable for consumption by deer.

A pleasing combination with multiseason interest can be achieved by using Maiden Grass (*Miscanthus sinensis* Graminiflora), Feather Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis acutiflora* Karl Foerster), and Dwarf Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides* 'Hameln'). These grasses differ in both height and spread, and their blooming periods are staggered throughout the summer months. Their year round beauty, drought tolerance, and ease of maintenance makes them desirable additions to any landscape.

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