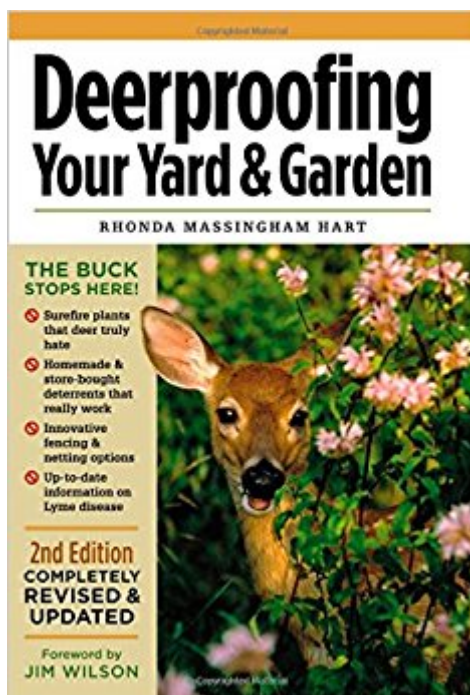


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# Deerproofing Your Yard & Garden



## Synopsis

From nibbling on fruit bushes to destroying flower beds, unwanted deer pose a frustrating and challenging obstacle to even the most patient gardeners. Rhonda Massingham Hart provides insights into deer behavior and offers a variety of proven techniques to keep your deer problem under control. Learn how to choose the best fence types, landscape with plants deer detest, make effective homemade repellents, and much more. You'll have all the information you need to maintain a pristine, deer-free landscape.

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## Customer Reviews

As deer populations increase, property owners are looking for ways to combat damage from them. Master gardener Hart (*Dirt-Cheap Gardening*, Storey, 1995) offers environmentally responsible methods for deterring deer from the yard and garden. Besides information on historical deer populations, the roots and extent of the current problem, deer species, subspecies in the United States, and the life cycle and behavior of deer, she provides extensive tips on "deer-o-scaping" (avoiding plants deer prefer, taking advantage of those they dislike, and incorporating designs and structures to discourage them). Hart includes plant lists and specifications for fences and offers an extensive discussion of the products and home remedies used for deterrence. Though other publications on the topic abound, Hart's compilation of research, product information, and source lists is sure to be valued by those dealing with this problem. Highly recommended for public

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Being new property & house owners in a suburban area adjacent to a deer wintering yard, this book provided us excellent advice on coping with our local deer population. We are planning a garden from scratch, and the information is very practical. It should help any gardener with deer in their area reduce their cost of resultant damage. The book deals with deer behavioural characteristics, and the likelihood of deer frequenting the property, as well as how to plan a deerproof garden. From plants that are detested by deer, to plants that will guarantee deer company: annual, perennial, shrub & tree choices are listed, including hardiness zone information. A range of strategies for keeping deer out of the garden is also included. The strategies go from fences to foul smelling substances to noise makers, and advice is given on the likelihood of success for each. An excellent tailorable reference book.

Very helpful to someone who just moved into an area where deer are a problem. At first I skipped the first chapter(s) on deer behavior - I thought, "Who cares? Just get to the plant lists!" But later I

went back and read the section on deer behavior, and it was VERY helpful. If you learn to think like a deer, it helps to figure out how to keep them out of your yard!

We have found this book to be helpful. The section on alternate fence ideas was particularly useful. Fencing, in the end, is the ultimate deer proofing.

Very helpful in answering customer questions about deer resistant plantings as well as deterrants.

I bought the older version of this book and used it for several years. When I saw the revised version I thought I would get a copy. The revised copy does not have the light requirements of the listed deer-resistant plants. The older copy does have the light requirements which is very helpful. Other than that, it is a good reference book. NOTE: A lot of the info is the same as the older version but there is some new information added. Recommend this book, especially if you are new to dealing with deer.

This is a great book that covers everything you could ever want to know about deer and deer behavior. Understanding behavior and preferences is a big help in determining what steps to take to prevent deer damage. I love to see deer and don't want to hurt them but I don't want them destroying my landscape. Highly recommended.

Many practical suggestions.

Very good comprehensive and more than basic compendium. Have researched and consulted on deer for years and find this book, mostly right regarding deer behavior and very right regarding damage management.

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