



# ask the landscape professional

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## Welcome to my weekly series!

*Feel free to send me questions you'd like to have me answer and I will do my best to address the ones of most general interest.*

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**Question of the Week:** *I have a house at Black Point Beach in Niantic and need help with plants that the deer won't EAT.....At the present I have daylilies across the front of the house on the south side and they (deer) are enjoying the Salad Bar. We have sprayed, and currently have fish line going across and somehow they are getting at them. HELP.....What can I plant there that they won't eat? ....Fran*

**Answer:** The first thing you have to do is remove ALL of the daylilies! It's like having a neon sign in your yard advertising dinner! There are too many deer resistant plants available to plant daylilies in deer country. Down by the water where you are, some plants to try would be: Russian Sage-Perovskia, Hyssop- Agastache 'Nectar Raspberry' or 'Nectar Orange', Yarrow- Achillea, Bugleweed-Ajuga 'Chocolate Chip', Ice Plant-Delosperma, Butterfly Weed- Asclepias, Asters, Coneflowers, Sea Holly-Eryngium, Tickseed-Coreopsis, Perennial Geranium, Joe Pye Weed- Eupatorium 'Baby Joe', Coral Bells- Heuchera, Sneezeweed- Helenium, Pinks-Dianthus, Lavender, Blazing Star-Liatris, Catmint-Nepeta, Moss Phlox, Black-eyed Susan, Bee Balm, Blue Mist Shrub-Caryopteris, St. Johnswort-Hypericum 'Baby Lion' or 'Ignite Scarlet Red', etc. There are lots more to choose from. "Deer-Resistant Landscaping" by Neil Soderstrom is one of the reference books I use. There are also many deer resistant plant lists online as well.

For readers that live in other areas, the deer resistant plant choices would be different than those listed above; if I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

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