

Plants Seldom Preferred by Mule Deer and Plants That Generally Recover After Being Eaten- Julia B. Tuck

Ornamental plants seldom preferred by mule deer					
Common name	Scientific name	Height	Width (feet)	Flowers	Fruit
Trees					
Norway maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	40-50 feet	40-50 feet	Yellow	Samara (winged)
Silver maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	50-70 feet	30-45 feet	Reddish	Samara (winged)
Birch	<i>Betula</i> spp.	varies	varies	Catkins	Winged seeds
Hawthorne	<i>Crataegus</i> spp.	@20-30 feet	@20-30 feet	Small white	Haws (small pomes)
White ash	<i>Fraxinus american</i>	50-80 feet	50-80 feet	Purple flowers. Leaves turn yellow, red, and even purple in the autumn	Samaras ("helicopter seeds")
Engelmann spruce	<i>Picea engelmanni</i> Perry ex. Egeln	to 100 feet	2.5- trunk	Purple	Spruce cone 1.5 - 3" long
Blue spruce*	<i>Picea pungens</i> var. <i>glauca</i>	30-60 feet	10-20 feet	Female strobili (pollen cones) are green to purple; male are orange	Spruce cone 2.5 - 4" long
Bristlecone Pine*	<i>Pinus aristata</i>	8-30 feet	varies 4-6'	Pollen cones bluish to dark orange-red	Pine cone 3" oval
Japanese black pine	<i>Pinus thunbergi</i>	15-20 feet	wider than height	Males reddish-yellow; female reddish	pine cone 2-3" egg-shaped
Narrowleaf cottonwood*	<i>Populus angustifolia</i>	50-65 feet	35-50 feet	Catkins	Fluffy white capsules
Douglas fir*	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	40-80 feet	12-20 feet	Red	Forked cone 1-3" oval
*Plant species native to Utah					
Shrubs / small trees					
Bamboo	<i>Bambusa</i> spp.	varies	varies	"White-ish" Usually grows from roots.	"Bamboo rice"
Red-osier dogwood*	<i>Cornus sericea/ Cornus stolonifera</i>	6-8 feet	6-8 feet	Creamy white blossoms. Stems red in winter	White berries
Singleleaf ash*	<i>Fraxinus anomala</i>	6-25 feet	@ 12 feet	Yellow, green, brown	Samaras
English holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	@7-10 feet	27-10 feet	Dull white flowers	Bright red berries
Shrubby cinquefoil*	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	1-4 feet	2-4 feet	Potentilla fruticosa 'Jackmanii' (yellow); Potentilla fruticosa 'McKay's White	Seeds

Gooseberry	<i>Ribes grossularia</i>	2-5 feet	3-5 feet	Green with pink flushed petals	green, white, yellow, or shades of red from pink to purple to almost black
Lilac	<i>Syringa</i> spp.	2-24 feet*	4-20 feet*	*Dwarf shrub to tree form. White, light yellow, light purple ("lilac"), blue, pink, dark purple, dark burgundy...	Brown capsule
Yucca	<i>Yucca</i> spp.	2-3 feet	@ 3 feet	White	Some are edible; about 4" long
*Plant species native to Utah					
Flowers / vines					
Apache Plume*	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	2-5 feet	to 6 feet	Native; white, spring to late summer; persistent reddish plumes	Reddish plumes
Daisy	<i>Bellis</i> spp.	2-8"	0.5 feet	Varies, depending on variety	Achine (seed with hull)
Flowers / vines					
Tiger lily	<i>Lilium tigrinum</i>	3-4 feet	Bulbs form clumps	Bright orange-colored flowers covered with spots (like a tiger...) up to 3" in diameter	Sterile- does not produce seeds
Myrtle	<i>Myrtus</i> spp.	8-12 feet	8-12 feet	White	Blue-black seeds
Buttercup*	<i>Ranunculus</i> spp	1 - 2 feet	1 - 2 feet	Varies- white, red, gold, orange, yellow, pink	Plant from Seeds or tubers
Wisteria	<i>Wisteria</i> spp	15-30 feet	6-10 feet	Scented purple flowers	Seeds
*Plant species native to Utah					
Native shrubs used by deer in winter that generally recover during the growing season					
(Most are also highly attractive to birds and other wildlife species)					
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Saskatoon serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	15-25 feet	15 feet	Pink and white; leaves turn red in the fall	Pome-edible
Black sagebrush	<i>Artemisia nova</i>	2 feet	2 feet	Yellow-small	Seed
Big sagebrush	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	3-15 feet	max. 10 feet	Yellow, cream, white, green- small	Seed

Broom Snakeweed	<i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i>	1-2 feet	1-2.5 feet	Yellow-small	Seed
Fourwing saltbush	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	1-10 feet	3-7 feet	Small	4-wing seed
Creeping barberry	<i>Berberis repens</i>	1 - 2.5 feet	2-3 feet	Yellow	Purple Berry-edible
Douglas rabbitbrush	<i>Chrysothamnus vicidiflorus</i>	3-5 feet	0.5 to 1 foot	Yellow	Seed
Common blackbrush	<i>Coleogyne ramosissima</i>	6 feet	12 feet	Yellow or green	Seed
Mexican cliffrose	<i>Purshia mexicana</i>	8-10 feet	4-6 feet	Yellow and white	Seed
Douglas hawthorn	<i>Crateagus douglasii</i>	10-30 feet	6-10 feet	White-showy	Pome-crab apple
Common winterfat	<i>Eurotia lanata</i>	1-33 feet	1-3 feet	Small	Seed
Apache plume	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	5-7 feet	max. 6 feet	White-showy	Seed
Myrtle pachistma	<i>Pachistima myrsinites</i>	3 feet	3 feet	Small-red	Seed
Desert peachbrush	<i>Prunus fasciculata</i>	5 feet	5 feet	Yellow	Berry
Choke cherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	10-30 feet	12-20 feet	White-fragrant	Berry-edible
Antelope bitterbrush	<i>Purshia tridentata</i>	2-10 feet	2-10 feet	Yellow	Seed
Gambel Oak*	<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	15-20 feet	15-20 feet	White	Acorn
Smooth sumac	<i>Rhus glabra</i>	6 feet	6 feet	Yellow	Berry-red
Oak-Leaf Sumac	<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	6 feet	10 feet	Yellow; leaves reddish in fall	Berry-red
Golden Currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>	6-10 feet	5-10 feet	Yellow and pink	Yellow to black Currants-edible
Nootka rose	<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	3-6 feet	3-4 feet	Red-large	Rose hips
Woods rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	3-9 feet	max. 15 feet	Red-large	Rose hips
Western red raspberry	<i>Rubus idaeus</i> subsp. <i>strigosus</i>	3.5 feet	3.5 feet	White Small	raspberry
Blueberry elder	<i>Sambucus caerulea</i>	8-30 feet	up to 20 feet	White	Berry-edible
Black Greasewood	<i>Sarcobatus vermiculatus</i>	2-8 feet	6 feet	Small	Seed
Mountain snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos oreophilus</i>	4 feet	1-2 feet	Pink	Berry-white