



Keeping Japanese Beetles at Bay: Best and Worst Plants to Have in Your Yard*

20 Woody Plants Resistant to Adult Japanese Beetle Feeding

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| 1. Red maple | <i>Acer rubrum</i> |
| 2. Boxwood | <i>Buxus</i> spp. |
| 3. Hickory | <i>Carya</i> spp. |
| 4. Redbud | <i>Cercis</i> spp. |
| 5. Tulip poplar | <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> |
| 6. Dogwood | <i>Cornus</i> spp. |
| 7. Burning-bush | <i>Euonymus</i> spp. |
| 8. Forsythia | <i>Forsythia</i> spp. |
| 9. Ash | <i>Fraxinus</i> spp. |
| 10. Holly | <i>Ilex</i> spp. |
| 11. Juniper | <i>Juniperus</i> spp. |
| 12. Sweetgum | <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> |
| 13. Magnolia | <i>Magnolia</i> spp. |
| 14. Spruce | <i>Picea</i> spp. |
| 15. Pine | <i>Pinus</i> spp. |
| 16. Northern red oak | <i>Quercus rubrum</i> |
| 17. Lilac | <i>Syringa</i> spp. |
| 18. Yew | <i>Taxus</i> spp. |
| 19. Arborvitae | <i>Thuja</i> spp. |
| 20. Hemlock | <i>Tsuga</i> spp. |

*These plant lists do not document all the species that are susceptible or resistant to Japanese beetle attack. Please consult your local county extension personnel for more information.

Woody Plants Susceptible to Adult Japanese Beetle Feeding

Primary:

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| 1. Japanese maple | <i>Acer palmatum</i> |
| 2. Norway maple | <i>Acer platanoides</i> |
| 3. Crape-myrtle | <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> |
| 4. Apple, crabapple | <i>Malus</i> spp. |
| 5. Virginia creeper | <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> |
| 6. Plum, apricot,
cherry, peach | <i>Prunus</i> spp. |
| 7. Pin oak | <i>Quercus palustris</i> |

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| 8. Sassafras | <i>Sassafras albidum</i> |
| 9. American mountain-ash | <i>Sorbus americana</i> |
| 10. Linden (American, European) | <i>Tilia</i> spp. |

Secondary:

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| 1. Horse-chestnut | <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> |
| 2. Althaea | <i>Althaea</i> spp. |
| 3. Birch | <i>Betula</i> spp. |
| 4. Summer-sweet | <i>Clethra</i> spp. |
| 5. Hawthorn | <i>Crataegus</i> spp. |
| 6. Beech | <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> |
| 7. Black walnut | <i>Juglans nigra</i> |
| 8. Larch | <i>Larix laricina</i> |
| 9. Lombardy poplar | <i>Populus nigra</i> var. |
| 10. Willow | <i>Salix</i> spp. |

20 Herbaceous Plants Resistant to Adult Japanese Beetle Feeding

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| 1. Ageratum | <i>Ageratum</i> spp. |
| 2. Columbine | <i>Aquilegia</i> spp. |
| 3. Dusty-miller | <i>Centaurea cineraria</i> ,
<i>Lychnis coronaria</i> |
| 4. Begonia | <i>Begonia</i> spp. |
| 5. Lily-of-the-valley | <i>Convallaria majalis</i> |
| 6. Coreopsis | <i>Coreopsis</i> spp. |
| 7. Larkspur | <i>Delphinium</i> spp. |
| 8. Foxglove | <i>Digitalis</i> spp. |
| 9. California poppy | <i>Eschscholzia californica</i> |
| 10. Coral-bells | <i>Heuchera sanguinea</i> |
| 11. Hosta | <i>Hosta</i> spp. |
| 12. Impatiens | <i>Impatiens</i> spp. |
| 13. Lantana | <i>Lantana camara</i> |
| 14. Forget-me-not | <i>Myosotis</i> spp. |
| 15. Pachysandra | <i>Pachysandra</i> spp. |
| 16. Poppy | <i>Papaver</i> spp. |
| 17. Moss-rose | <i>Portulaca grandiflora</i> |
| 18. Showy sedum | <i>Sedum spectabile</i> |
| 19. Nasturtium | <i>Tropaeolum majus</i> |
| 20. Violet, pansy | <i>Viola</i> spp. |

Herbaceous Plants Susceptible to Adult Japanese Beetle Feeding

Primary:

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| 1. Hollyhock | <i>Alcea rosea</i> |
| 2. Dahlia | <i>Dahlia</i> spp. |
| 3. Hibiscus | <i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i> |
| 4. Common mallow | <i>Malva rotundiflora</i> |
| 5. Evening-primrose | <i>Oenothera biennis</i> |
| 6. Soybean | <i>Glycine max</i> |
| 7. Pennsylvania
smartweed | <i>Polygonum pennsylvanicum</i> |
| 8. Rose | <i>Rosa</i> spp. |
| 9. Grape | <i>Vitis</i> spp. |
| 10. Sweet corn | <i>Zea mays</i> |

Secondary:

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| 1. Clematis | <i>Clematis</i> spp. |
| 2. Gladiolus | <i>Gladiolus</i> spp. |
| 3. Sunflower | <i>Helianthus annuus</i> |
| 4. Morning-glory | <i>Ipomoea purpurea</i> |
| 5. Cardinal flower | <i>Labelia cardinalis</i> |
| 6. Peony | <i>Paeonia</i> spp. |
| 7. Asparagus | <i>Asparagus officinalis</i> |
| 8. Rhubarb | <i>Rheum rhabarbum</i> |
| 9. Red raspberry | <i>Rubus idaeus</i> |
| 10. Zinnia | <i>Zinnia</i> spp. |

