

How Can I Minimize Japanese Beetles in My Yard?

Plant trees and shrubs that are NOT preferred hosts of the adult beetle. Preferred hosts are those trees nearly always attacked by adult Japanese beetles. The following is an example of preferred and non-preferred hosts of Japanese beetle adults. Rose enthusiasts should note that roses are a preferred host of the adult. The white- or yellow-flowered cultivars are somewhat more attractive and susceptible than ones with darker flowers, but generally Japanese beetle will feed on all rose cultivars.

Preferred Hosts	Non-Preferred Hosts
Flowering Crabapple (<i>Malus</i> sp.)	White Ash (<i>Fraxinus americana</i>)
Gray Birch (<i>Betula populifolia</i>)	Green Ash (<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>)
Hollyhock (<i>Athaea rosea</i>)	Holly (<i>Ilex</i> sp.)
Japanese Maple (<i>Acer palmatum</i>)	Red Maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)
Norway Maple (<i>Acer platanoides</i>)	Silver Maple (<i>Acer saccharinum</i>)
Rose of Sharon (<i>Nibiscus syriacus</i>)	American Sweetgum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>)
Cherry, Plum, Peach (<i>Prunus</i> sp.)	Magnolia (all species)
Black Walnut (<i>Juglans nigra</i>)	Rhododendron (<i>Rhododendron</i> sp.)
Roses (<i>Rosa</i> sp.)	White Oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>)
Table Grapes (<i>Vitis</i> sp.)	Scarlet Oak (<i>Quercus coccinea</i>)
American Linden (<i>Tilia Americana</i>)	Red Oak (<i>Quercus rubra</i>)
Rose Mallow (<i>Lavatera trimestris</i>)	Tuliptree (<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>)
Cigar Flower (<i>Cuphea ignea</i>)	Common Pear (<i>Pyrus comm unis</i>)
Crape Myrtle (<i>Lagerstroem ia</i> sp.)	Flowering Dogwood (<i>Cornus florida</i>)

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