

Goat Forage Plant List for Temperate Desert Climate

By Arina Pittman, compiled by observing goats in action

- Maximillian Sunflowers (goats love sunflowers, and this one is perennial!)
- Jerusalem Artichoke (another perennial sunflower relative)
- Rose (they will eat the pedigreed ones as well as the native rumbler - plant the natives)
- Apple (no need to butcher some wonderful productive tree - plant a prolific crab apple)
- Hawthorn
- Hackberry Tree
- Lilac
- Bamboo
- American Elm, Siberian Elm
- All types of fruit trees, although one must avoid wilted plum foliage in feed
- Siberian Peashrub
- Honey Locust, Black Locust
- Eastern Redbud
- Mulberry
- Daylily & Iris foliage
- Native Plum
- Virginia Creeper, Spanish Lace
- Raspberry, Currants, Gooseberry, Three-Leaf Sumac foliage
- Willow
- Grape
- Cabbages family: mustard greens, bokchoy, broccoli etc - hand fed
- Clean good quality fallen or picked fruit – plums, peaches, apples (do not overfeed)

These are the plants I have observed as favored by goats. I am sure there are dozens more species that are useful in raising goats.