



Choose the Type of Tree Protection

All forms of tree protection are intended to do much the same thing: protect newly planted trees from animal browse, especially by deer. But how do you know which form of tree protection you should use for the trees you want to plant? The chart below lists traits and limitations for the four type of tree protectors we discuss on MyWoodlot. It can help you narrow down your options to the one that will work best for you and your trees.

	Tree Tube	Tree Cage	Deer Fence	Bark Protector
Number of Plants	Low	Low	High	Low
Type of Plant	Tree	Tree/Shrub	Tree/Shrub	Tree
Species Compatibility	Deciduous	Deciduous/Conifer	Deciduous/Conifer	Deciduous/Conifer
Ease of Installation	Medium	Low	High	Low
Maintenance Needs	High	Medium	Medium	Low
Pruning Required?	Maybe	Maybe	No	No
Increases Tree Growth Rate?	Yes	No	No	No
Limitations	Trees must be smaller than 6-7 feet tall.	None	None	Trees must be larger than 6-7 feet tall with a sturdy trunk.