

RABBIT/GROUND SQUIRREL/DEER RESISTANT PLANTS

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In general, animals are discouraged by:

- ~ *Very aromatic plants*
- ~ *Prickles and spines*
- ~ *Tough, leathery leaves*
- ~ *Toxic plants*
- ~ *Milky sap*

No list is foolproof --a hungry animal will eat just about anything, including poisonous plants. Plant deterrent plants surrounding the more delectable plants.

Newly transplanted plants are more likely to be eaten –especially those just bought from nurseries, but even those recently moved within a garden. Bigger plants are more able to withstand nibbling.

Cultural controls such as removing brush piles or other protective cover where rabbits and ground squirrels hide and nest may help. Provide open areas in the landscape – small mammals tend to avoid open spaces that make them vulnerable to predators.

Many odor repellents are ineffective with rabbits, so read labels carefully before buying them. Something that works for deer may not work with rabbits. Some products are labeled for both. What works in one person's yard may not work in another person's yard.

Fencing with chicken wire fencing, hardware cloth or flexible netting at least two feet high, buried 4-8 inches under is fairly effective against rabbits. Deer can be prevented with fencing at least 8 feet high. Raised beds with hardware cloth (1/4" squares or less) tacked to the bottom can keep pocket gophers out of gardens. Encircle trees and shrubs with hardware cloth (buried an inch or two under the ground) to prevent voles from girdling the trees.

CRITTER RESISTANT PERENNIALS AND BULBS

Alliums, *Allium spp.*

Basket of Gold, *Aurinia saxatilis*

Bee balm, *Monarda spp.*

Black Eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia hirta*

Blanketflower, *Gaillardia spp.*

Bleeding Heart, *Dicentra spectabilis*

Blue Flax, *Linum lewisii*

Clustered bellflower, *Campanula glomerata*

Catmints, *Nepeta spp.*

Chives, *Allium schoenoprasum*

Cleome, *Cleome serrulata*

Columbine (marginal), *Aquilegia spp.* (especially bad when newly planted!)

Golden smoke, *Corydalis aurea*

Creeping Oregon Grape Holly, *Mahonia repens*

Creeping Phlox, *Phlox subulata*

Creeping baby's breath, *Gypsophila repens*

Daffodils *, *Narcissus spp.*

Delphinium, *Delphinium spp.*

Dianthus, *Dianthus spp.* (flowers are sometimes eaten)

Dragon's head, *Dracocephalon spp.*

Engelmann Ivy, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia engelmannii*

Golden Banner, *Thermopsis divaricarpa*
Goldenrod, *Solidago spp.*
Hardy Geraniums, *Geranium spp*
Irises, *Iris spp.*
Jacob's Ladder , *Polemonium caeruleum*
Kinnikinnick , *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*
Lily-of-the-Valley , *Convallaria majalis*
Locoweed, *Oxytropis*
Lupine , *Lupinus spp.*
Mexican Hat , *Ratibida columnifera*
Monkshood , *Aconitum spp.*
Paintbrush, *Castilleja spp.*
Pearly everlasting, *Anaphalis margaritacea*
Penstemon , *Penstemon spp.*
Piqsqueak , *Bergenia spp.*
Poppies, *Papaver spp.* (flowers sometimes eaten, esp. Iceland poppies)
Pussytoes , *Antennaria*
Sagebrushes, *Artemisia frigida and ludoviciana*
Salvia , *Salvia spp.*
Sea Pink , *Armeria maritima*
Sedum, *Stone Crop*
Showy daisy, *Erigeron spp.*
Snow-in-Summer , *Cerastium tomentosum*
Trailing soapwort , *Saponaria ocymoides*
Sulphur flower, *Eriogonum umbellatum*
Tansy aster, *Macaeranthera tanacetifolia*
Thyme, *Thymus species*
Veronica, *Veronica spp.*
Yarrow, *Achillea spp.*

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Blue Fescue (*Festuca glauca*) *
Blue Avena Oat Grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*) *

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Alpine Currant (*Ribes alpinum*)
Apache Plume (*Fallugia paradoxa*)
Boulder Raspberry (*Rubus deliciosus*)
Curl Leaf Mountain Mahogany (*Cercocarpus ledifolius*)
Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster lucidus*)
Gambel Oak (*Quercus gambelii*)
Potentilla (*Potentilla spp.*)
Rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus nauseosus*)
Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos albus*)
Tall Western Sage (*Artemisia tridentata*)
Three Leaf Sumac (*Rhus trilobata*)
Golden Currant (*Ribes aureum*)