



Coping With Rabbits

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Rabbits in gardens, and the damage they do, are a growing problem in this area. Although there are some new commercial repellents on the market, a hungry rabbit will eat just about anything and they like all the things we do! Some people deliberately plant grasses and clovers in an area removed from the main garden and let the rabbits feast on those. Many organic gardeners surround prized vegetable beds with sprinklings of garlic powder or hot pepper which appear to offend a rabbit's acute sense of smell.

Some gardeners make the area around the garden less friendly by removing the tall grasses rabbits like to hide and rest in and by creating a perimeter featuring plants with tough or prickly foliage. Small branches of holly laid in front of flower beds can also act as a deterrent. With the exception of basil, rabbits do not seem to care for herbs and will generally leave them alone. Bearded Iris, Germander, and Penstemons are generally considered rabbit magnets!

Rabbit-Resistant Plants:

Perennials

Acanthus mollis	(Bear's Breeches)	Celosia	(Cockscomb Flower)
Aconitum	(Monkshood)	Cerastium	(Snow-in-Summer)
Agastache	(Hummingbird Mint)	Convallaria	(Lily-of-the-Valley)
Alchemilla mollis	(Lady's Mantle)	Coreopsis	(Tickseed)
Anemone		Corydalis	(Yellow Bleeding Heart)
Aquilegia	(Columbine)	Crocasmia	(Montbretia)
Aruncus	(Goat's Beard)	Dephinium	
Astilbe	(False Spirea)	Dianthus	(Pinks)
Artemisia	(Sage)	Dicentra	(Bleeding Heart)
Campanula	(Bellflower)	Digitalis	(Foxglove)
Caryopteris	(Blue Mist Spirea)	Echinacea	(Coneflower)

Echinops	(Globe Thistle)	Liatris	(Gayfeather)
Euphorbia	(Spurge)	Nepeta	(Catmint)
Ferns		Papaver	(Poppies)
Gaillardia	(Blanket Flower)	Peony	
Gentiana	(Gentian)	Perovskia	(Russian Sage)
Geranium	(Cranesbill)	Platycodon	(Balloon Flower)
Geum		Phlox paniculata	(Summer Phlox)
Gypsophila	(Baby's Breath)	Polemonium	(Jacob's Ladder)
Helleborus	(Hellebores)	Rudbeckia	(Coneflower)
Hemerocallis	(Daylily)	Salvia	(Sage)
Heuchera	(Coral Bells)	Sedum	(Stone Crop)
Hosta		Sidalcea	(Prairie Mallow)
Iris	(Bearded Iris)	Stachys	(Lamb's Ear)
Kirengeshoma	Yellow Waxbells)	Verbascum	(Mullein)
Kniphofia uvaria	(Red-hot Poker)	Vinca minor	(Periwinkle)
Lavandula	(Lavender)	Veronica	(Speedwell)
Liatris	(Gayfeather)	Veronicastrum	(Culver's Root)
Nepeta	(Catmint)	Vernonia	(Ironweed)
Papaver	(Poppies)		

Annuals

Ageratum	(Whiteweed)	Canna	
Alyssum	(Carpet Flower)	Catharanthus	(Flowering Vinca)
Angelonia	(Summer Snapdragon)	Colocasia	
Begonias		Dahlia	
Bidens	(Tickseed)	Euphorbia	(Spurge)

Fuschia

Nasturtium

Geranium

New Guinea Impatiens

Gomphrena (Globe Amaranth)

Salvia

Lantana

Zinnia

Marigold

Bulbs

Alliums

Leuorum (Summer Snowflake)

Anemone blanda (Windflower)

Muscari (Grape Hyacinth)

Colchicum (Autumn Crocus)

Narcissus (Daffodil)

Galanthus nivalis (Snowdrop)

Scilla (Siberian Squill)

Hyacinthus (Hyacinth)

Tulips

Bulbs

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