



PLANTS *generally* REPELLENT TO RABBITS AND DEER

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Keeping your landscape free from animals

As towns and cities expand into previously undeveloped areas, wildlife habitats are invaded, bringing people into more contact with local wildlife, especially rabbits. People building in outlying areas of Southern Utah and Nevada also have considerable trouble with deer. Planting new yards in these areas is like ringing the dinner bell! There are many things we can do to discourage our furry friends without causing any harm. Following are some handy tips to keep rabbits and deer at bay and a list of plants, not all inclusive, less likely to attract them.

RABBIT REPELLENT TIPS:

There are a number of products on the market (Star Nursery carries several) that you can spray on your plants and diminish their desirability to rabbits. Sometimes these work and sometimes not. Here is a listing of some home remedies that you can try:

- Spray diluted fish emulsion around plants.
- Use mothballs (if no children are present) or talcum powder.
- Use powdered Aloe.
- Sprinkle wood ashes on the ground.
- Scatter blood meal (not effective at low temperatures).
- Scatter highly scented soap around the garden area or hang in mesh bags.
- Wrap base of young trees in winter to stop rabbits from chewing off bark.
- Cats and dogs give effective rabbit control.
- Remove any overgrown brush, weeds or woodpiles close to your garden.
- Use mesh fencing around vulnerable shrubs and small gardens.

RABBIT REPELLENT PLANTS: There aren't many plants immune to rabbit nibbling! If your pesky rabbits are hungry enough, they'll eat just about anything! Plant the largest specimens you can afford, i.e., 5 gallons are much better than 1 gallons. Here are a few that you can plant with little worry.

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| Dusty Miller | Nasturtium |
| Garlic (ornamental & herb varieties) | Onion and flowering onions (Allium) |
| Mint | Lantana varieties |
| Garden Penstemon varieties | Autumn Sage (Salvia species) |
| Artemisia | |

DEER REPELLENT TIPS:

- Deer stay away from highly aromatic plants.
- Scatter red or black pepper on the ground.
- Mix hot sauce with water and spread around the planting area.
- Place human or animal hair clippings around the yard.
- Use mothballs (if no children are present).
- Scatter blood meal (not effective in low temperatures).
- Use highly scented soap in plastic mesh bags. Hang about 2 1/2 feet off the ground.

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT ANNUALS/BIENNIALS:

Ageratum (Floss Flower)	Impatiens	Gopher Purge
Zinnia	Iceland Poppy	

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT PERENNIALS:

Anemone	Dusty Miller	Peony
Artemesia (Mugwort/Wormwood)	Ferns (many varieties)	Plantain Lily (Hosta)
Australian Racer (Myoporum)	Four O'Clock	Potentilla (deciduous varieties)
Black-eyed Susan	Green Bush Daisy	Red-Hot Poker
Blanket Flower	Lamb's Ear	Salvia species (Sage)
Calendula	Lantana varieties	Shasta Daisy
California Poppy	Lavender varieties	Trailing African Daisy
Coreopsis	Marguerite Daisy	Yarrow varieties

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT BULBS, TUBERS OR RHIZOMES:

Begonia (tuberous varieties)	Freesia	Narcissus
Chives	Iris & cultivars	Tulip
Daylily varieties	Lily-of-the-Nile	

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT VEGETABLES AND HERBS:

Artichoke	Fragrant herbs like:	rosemary
Rhubarb	chives	sage
Squash plants (deer may eat the blossoms)	lavender	thyme

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT GRASSES AND VINES:

Cape Honeysuckle	Lily Turf varieties	Pampas Grass
Carolina Jessamine (Jasmine)	Mondo Grass	Star Jasmine
English Ivy	Most <u>ornamental</u> grasses	

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT SHRUBS:

Bamboo varieties	Coyote Brush	Myrtle
Barberry varieties	Germander varieties	Oleander
Bear's Breech	Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina)	Rockrose
Bottlebrush	Holly varieties	Rosemary varieties
Boxwood varieties	Hopseed	Santolina
Cactus	Juniper varieties	Yew Pine

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT TREES:

Acacia varieties	Pine varieties	Spruce varieties
American Sweet Gum	Silk Tree (Mimosa)	Strawberry Tree
Ash varieties	Smoke Tree	Sumac varieties
Mediterranean Fan Palm		