



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 pepper which appear to offend a rabbit's acute sense of smell. Mothballs scattered around the garden are considered reasonably effective in repelling rabbits (re-apply after rain) as are dog hair combings.

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. Do not plant Bearded Iris, Germander or Penstemons ... they are rabbit magnets!

Perennials

Achillea	(Yarrow)
Aconitum	(Monkshood)
Agastache	(Hummingbird Mint)
Anemone sylvestris	
Aquilegia	(Columbine)
Aruncus	(Goatbeard)
Astilbe	(False Spirea)
Artemisia	(Sage)
Aster	
Campanula	(Bellflower)
Caryopteris	(Blue Mist Spirea)
Cerastium	(Snow-in-Summer)
Colocasia	(Elephant Ears)
Convallaria	(Lily-of-the-Valley)
Coreopsis	(Tickseed)
Corydalis	(Yellow Bleeding Heart)
Crocsmia	(Montbretia)
Dephinium	
Dianthus	(Pinks)
Dicentra	(Bleeding Heart)
Digitalis	(Foxglove)
Echinacea	(Coneflower)
Ferns	
Gaillardia	(Blanket Flower)

Gentian	
Geranium	(Cranesbill)
Geum	
Hemerocallis	(Daylily)
Heuchera	(Coral Bells)
Hosta	
Iris sibirica	(Siberian Iris)
Kniphofia uvaria	(Red-hot Poker)
Lavandula	(Lavender)
Liatris	(Gayfeather)
Nepeta	(Catmint)
Papaver	(Poppies)
Peony	
Perovskia	(Russian Sage)
Platycodon	(Balloon Flower)
Phlox paniculata	(Summer Phlox)
Polemonium	(Jacob's Ladder)
Rudbeckia	(Coneflower)
Salvia	(Sage)
Scilla	
Sedum	(Stone Crop)
Sidalcea	(Prairie Mallow)
Verbascum	(Mullein)
Vinca minor	(Periwinkle)
Veronica	

Annuals

Begonias
Canna
Colocasia
Geranium
Nasturtium
Zinnia

Bulbs

Anemone blanda
Colchicum (Autumn Crocus)
Galanthus nivalis (Snowdrop)
Hyacinthus (Hyacinth)

Muscari (Grape Hyacinth)
Narcissus (Daffodil)
Verbena