

How do I keep rabbits away?

Rabbits can do a lot of damage to a garden and they do that damage all year long. How can you tell if rabbits are your problem? On old growth, look for stripped bark from ground level to about 15 inches high. And on new shoots, check for clean precise cuts that seem as though they were pruned.

Barriers are the most effective way to keep rabbits away from your plants, but that can be difficult in a large yard with lots of borders. Repellents work too, but follow package instructions and be diligent about regular application. Another strategy is to plant things that aren't on a rabbit's list of favs. Luckily there are lots of perennials and shrubs that are considered rabbit resistant. Remember though, rabbit resistant is not the same as rabbit proof. Refer to the list below for ideas.



Lilac



Holly



Cat Mint



Lady Fern



Lungwort

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Common Name

Botanic Nomenclature

Astilbe	Astilbe
Betony	Stachys
Cardinal Flower	Lobelia
Catmint	Nepeta
Columbine	Aquilegia
Cranesbill	Geranium
Crested Fern	Athyrium
Daylily	Hemerocallis
Dead Nettle	Lamium
Forget-Me-Not	Myosotis
Foxglove	Digitalis
Iris	Iris
Lady Fern	Athyrium
Lady's Mantle	Alchemilla
Lavender	Lavandula
Lenten Rose	Helleborus
Lungwort	Pulmonaria
Monkshood	Aconitum
Ornamental Onion	Allium
Perennial Sage	Salvia
Pigsqueak	Bergenia
Poppy	Papaver
Red Hot Poker	Kniphofia
Spurge	Euphorbia
Stonecrop	Sedum
Wood Fern	Dryopteris
Yarrow	Achillea

Trees & Shrubs

Coralberry	Symphoricarpos
Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster
Deutzia	Deutzia
Dogwood	Cornus
Elder	Sambucus
Holly	Ilex
Hydrangea	Hydrangea
Juniper	Juniperus
Lilac	Syringa
Mock-orange	Philadelphus
Rugosa	Rosa rugosa
St Johnswort	Hypericum
Spiraea	Spiraea
Sumac	Rhus
Viburnum	Viburnum
Yew	Taxus