

PLANTS *GENERALLY* REPELLENT TO RABBITS AND DEER



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.

Spray diluted garlic like *Garlic Barrier* on and 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 can 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.

Dusty Miller

Nasturtium

Garlic (ornamental & herb varieties)

Onion and flowering onions (*Allium*)

Mint

Lantana varieties

Garden Penstemon varieties

Autumn Sage (*Salvia* species)

Artemisia

Lavender varieties

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

Artemesia (Mugwort/Wormwood)

Australian Racer (Myoporum)

Black-eyed Susan

Blanket Flower

Calendula

California Poppy

Coreopsis

Dusty Miller

Ferns (many varieties)

Four O' Clock

Green Bush Daisy

Lamb's Ear

Lantana varieties

Lavender varieties

Marguerite Daisy

Peony

Plantain Lily (Hosta)

Potentilla (deciduous varieties)

Red-Hot Poker

Salvia species (Sage)

Shasta Daisy

Trailing African Daisy

Yarrow varieties

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT BULBS, TUBERS OR RHIZOMES:

Begonia (tuberous varieties)

Chives

Daylily varieties

Freesia

Iris & cultivars

Lily-of-the-Nile

Narcissis

Tulip

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT VEGETABLES AND HERBS:

Artichoke

Fragrant Herbs: Chives, Lavender, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme

Rhubarb

Squash plants (deer may eat the blossoms)

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT GRASSES AND VINES:

Cape Honeysuckle

Carolina Jessamine (Jasmine)

English Ivy

Lily Turf varieties

Mondo Grass

Most ornamental grasses

Pampas Grass

Star Jasmine

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT SHRUBS:

Bamboo varieties

Barberry varieties

Bear's Breech

Bottlebrush

Boxwood varieties

Cactus

Coyote Bush

Germander varieties

Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina)

Holly varieties

Hopseed

Juniper varieties

Myrtle

Oleander

Rockrose

Rosemary varieties

Santolina

Yew Pine

DEER REPELLENT/RESISTANT TREES:

Acacia varieties

American Sweet Gum

Ash Varieties

Mediterranean Fan Palm

Pine varieties

Silk Tree (Mimosa)

Smoke Tree

Spruce varieties

Strawberry Tree

Sumac varieties