

Rabbits

Homeowners have seen a great increase in the rabbit population as our yards offer plenty of food to aid their survival and places for them to hide. As homeowner's, changing things around your yard will help modify the rabbit's habitat and reduce the rabbit population from invading your property.

Here are some helpful hints on how you can discourage rabbits from coming on your property:

- Plant flowers that rabbits do not enjoy, or surround flowers you like with flowers that rabbits do not like such as marigolds, geraniums, and impatiens.
- Place rubber snakes in your garden
- Install reflective garden pinwheels
- Use motion activated scare devices that use water
- Place blood meal (available at lawn and garden stores) around your landscaping

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Rabbits can be very entertaining to watch, however they can also do a considerable amount of damage to landscape and gardens. It is very difficult to predict what they may graze on from one year to another, but here are some suggested plants which seem to be less attractive to rabbits.

Annuals:

Agertum, Alyssum, Calandula, Cleome, Cornflower, Cosmos, Dahlia, Dianthus, Dusty Miller, Four O'Clock, Geranium, Grape Hyacinth, Impatiens, Lobelia, Marigold, Morning Glory, Nicotiana, Salvia, Snapdragon, Sweet Peas, Verbena, Zinnia.

Shrubs:

Barberry, Cotoneaster, Forsythia, Honey-suckle, Juniper, Lilac, Mockorange, Nanny-berry Viburnum, Potentilla, Smoke Bush, Snowberry, Spirea, Spruce.

Perennials:

Anemone, Aster, Balloon Flower, Barrenwort, Bee Balm (Monarda), Bellflower, Bergenia, Black-eyed Susan, Blanket Flower, Bleeding Heart, Bugbane, Butterfly Weed, Catmint, Chrysanthemum, Columbine, Dianthus, Foxglove, Hollyhock, Iris, Lambs Ear, Lamium, Lupine, Maltese Cross, Monkshood, Ostrick Fern, Peony, Poppy, Purple Coneflower, Salvia, Sedum, Shasta Daisy, Snow o.t.Mountain, Tiger Lily, Yarrow, Yucca.

