

RABBIT RESISTANT PLANTS

No plants can be said to be rabbit proof. Rabbits eat virtually anything, and most plants are vulnerable when young. However, there are some plants which rabbits generally avoid, and we have drawn on several sources to provide the suggestions listed here.

We would like to expand and improve on this list and would be very interested to hear about your successes (and failures!)

In general, rabbits are discouraged by:

Very aromatic plants

Prickles and spines

Tough, leathery leaves

The following plants are well worth experimenting with:

SHRUBS

Aucuba (spotted Laurel)
Berberis
Buxus (box)
Choisya (Mexican orange blossom)
Cornus (dogwood)
Cotoneaster
Daphne
Elaeagnus
Fuchsia
Gaultheria
Hippophae
Hypericum
Ilex (holly)
Olearia
Rhododendron
Rhus (spoke bush, sumach)
Rosa (spiny species)
Rosmarinus (rosemary)
Ruscus (butchers broom)
Sambucus (elder)
Symphoricarpos (snowberry)
Taxus (yew)
Viburnum
Yucca

PERENNIALS AND BULBS

Acanthus
Aconitum (Monkswood)
Anemone
Arundinaria and other bamboos
Colchicum (autumn crocus)
Convallaria (lily of the valley)
Cortaderia (pampass grass)
Daffodils
Digitalis (foxglove)
Eryngium (sea holly)
Euphorbia (spurge)
Geranium
Helleborus
Hyacinth
Irises
Ligularia
Lupin
Osteospermum
Paeonies
Poppies
Sedum
Snowdrops
Solomon's Seal