

Rabbit Resources: How to Cope



Add lots of rabbit food to your yard.

- #1 Plant native plants densely, using grasses and sedges as green mulch. See the list below.
- #2 Make the turf in your lawn into a bee lawn by adding white clover, violets, creeping thyme, and flowers, like self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*)
Enjoy watching rabbits munch on your lawn rather than your gardens.

In front of your garden, **lay down chicken wire on the ground.** it seems rabbits refuse to set foot on the wire.

Plant more **vulnerable plants in among plants** that may shield them, such as native sunflowers or New England asters.

Choose plants that are naturally rabbit-resistant.

Most rabbit-repellent plants feature one or more of the following characteristics that make them less appealing as rabbit food:

- Unpalatable foliage that is spiky, jagged, prickly, fuzzy, or leathery
- Toxic flowers
- Leaves, stems, and flowers with strong fragrance
- Stems with an abundance of sticky sap

List of Suggested Plants

Anise Hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*)

Alliums (*Allium cernuum*, *A. tricoccum*)

Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)

Bee Balm (*Monarda fistulosa*, *M. didyma*)

Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*, *R. fulgida*)

Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
Coreopsis (*C. palmata*, *C. lanceolata*)
Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)
Elderberry (*Sambucus*)
Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*)
Goldenrods (*Solidago rigida*, *S. speciosa*, *S. ulmifolia*, etc.)
New England Aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*) and other asters
Prairie Alumroot (*Huchera richardsonii*)
Queen of the Prairie (*Filipendula rubra*)
Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
Ribes (*Ribes americanum*, *R. missouriense*)
Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum commutatum*, *P. biflorum*)
Viburnums (*Viburnum prunifolium*, *V. rafinesquinianum*, *V. lentago*)
Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

