



Plants for pollinators (not deer or rabbits)

There is no such thing as deer proof or rabbit proof in the garden - if these plant-eaters are hungry enough, they will try almost anything. However, by choosing less palatable plants and making the habitat less welcoming, you can give your pollinator garden a chance to grow.

- Sturdy fencing and barriers are the most reliable method of exclusion.
- Repellants vary in effectiveness depending on species, location and time of year – what worked once may not work again, or what worked for one garden may not work for another. Use a variety of repellants so that these mammals don't grow accustomed.
- Emphasize unpalatable plants such as these listed below. Big plants can withstand grazing better – consider caging while establishing a new plant so it can reach a more resilient size.

Shrubs				
<i>Amorpha</i> spp.	Leadplant	Deciduous shrub	Host; blooms for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds	Purple; summer
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Kinnikinnick	Evergreen shrub	Shelter; blooms for native bees	White/pink; spring
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Big sagebrush	Evergreen shrub	Host; shelter for native bees	Yellow; summer-fall
<i>Chamaebatiara millefolium</i>	Fernbush	Deciduous shrub	Forage for bees	White; summer
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	Red twig dogwood	Deciduous shrub	Host; feeds many small pollinators	White; spring-summer
<i>Ericameria</i> spp.	Rabbitbrush	Deciduous shrub	Host; feeds many pollinators	Yellow; fall
<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>	Apache plume	Semi-evergreen shrub	Forage for many pollinators	White; spring - fall
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Creeping Oregon grape	Semi-evergreen sub-shrub or groundcover	Early blooms for bees, butterflies	Yellow; spring
<i>Ribes aureum</i>	Golden currant	Deciduous shrub	Host; forage for long-tongued pollinators	Yellow; spring
<i>Rhus trilobata</i>	Fragrant sumac	Deciduous shrub	Forage for native bees	Yellow/green; spring
<i>Rubus deliciosus</i>	Boulder raspberry	Deciduous shrub	Forage and nesting for bees	White; spring-summer
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	Deciduous shrub	Forage for bees	White/pink; summer
<i>Yucca glauca</i>	Soapweed	Evergreen subshrub	Host; forage for many pollinators	White; summer

Forbs				
<i>Agastache</i> spp.	Hyssop		Long-tongued pollinators	Various colors; summer
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding onion		Native bees	Pink; summer
<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	Pearly everlasting		Host; small bees, flies	White; summer
<i>Antennaria parviflora</i>	Pussytoes		Host; small bees, flies	White; summer
<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	Prairie sage		Host; native bees and flies	Yellow-white; summer-fall
<i>Cleome serrulata</i>	Rocky Mtn. Beeplant		Host; native bees, wasps, butterflies	Pink; summer
<i>Coreopsis</i> spp.	Tickseed		Small bees, flies, butterflies	Yellow; spring-fall
<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	Purple prairie clover		Host; native bees, butterflies	Purple; summer
<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>	Showy fleabane		Native bees, butterflies	Lavender; summer
<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	Sulfur flower		Host, bees, flies	Yellow, spring
<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	Blanketflower		Bees, flies, butterflies	Gold/red, summer-fall
<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Sticky geranium		Bees and flies	White, summer
<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Lewis' flax		Host, bees	Blue, spring
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	Silvery lupine		Host, bumble bees	Blue, summer
<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>	Desert four o'clock		Bees, sphinx moths, hummingbirds	Magenta, summer
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Bee balm		Long-tongued pollinators	Pink, summer
<i>Penstemon</i> spp.	Beardtongue		Long-tongued pollinators	Various colors, spring-summer
<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	Prairie coneflower		Native bees, flies, butterflies	Yellow, summer-fall
<i>Rudbeckia</i> spp.	Black-eyed Susan		Bees, wasps, flies, butterflies	Yellow, summer
<i>Salvia azurea</i>	Pitcher sage		Bumble bees, hummingbirds	Blue, fall
<i>Sedum</i> spp.	Stonecrop		Host, bees, flies, wasps, butterflies	Pink, fall
<i>Solidago</i> spp.	Goldenrod		Bees, flies, beetles	Yellow, fall
<i>Thermopsis divaricata</i>	Golden banner		Bumble bees	Yellow, spring
<i>Zauschneria garrettii</i>	California fuchsia		Long-tongued pollinators	Red, summer-fall

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