Groundhog “Resistant” Plants

Flowers, Herbs, Vegetables and Woody Plants
Less Attractive to Groundhogs
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Based on information from the Internet Center for Wildlife Management and Local Observations. Groundhogs will consume a wide variety of plants, but these are less likely to be their dinner.

**BUTTERFLY AND HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN**

- Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia pulchella*)
- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Coneflower (*Rudbeckia* sp.)
- Delphinium (*Delphinium* sp.)
- Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)
- Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*)
- Lavender (*Lavandula* sp.)
- Ornamental Onion (*Allium schoenoprasum*)
- Sedum (*Sedum* sp.)
- Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*)
- Soapwort (*Saponaria officinalis*)
- Threadleaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticilata*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea* sp.)

**CUT FLOWER GARDEN**

- Baby’s Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*)
- Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia pulchella*)
- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Daffodil (*Narcissus* sp.)
- Delphinium (*Delphinium* sp.)
- Dianthus (*Dianthus* sp.)
- Foxglove (*Digitalis* sp.)
- Heather (*Calluna* sp.)
- Iris (*Iris* sp.)
- Lavender (*Lavandula* sp.)
- Peony (*Paeonia* sp.)
- Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*)
- Threadleaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticilata*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea* sp.)

**DRY BORDERS**

- Baby’s Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*)
- Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia pulchella*)
- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Daylily cv. (*Hemerocallis ‘Stella d’Oro’*)
- Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)
- Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*)
- Lamb’s Ears (*Stachys byzantina*)
- Sedum (*Sedum* sp.)
- Soapwort (*Saponaria officinalis*)
- Threadleaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticilata*)
- Wormwood (*Artemisia* sp.)
- Yarrow (*Achillea* sp.)

**HERB GARDEN**

- Catmint (*Nepeta catarina*)
- Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*)
- Dianthus (*Dianthus* sp.)
- Feverfew (*Chrysanthemum parthenium*)
- Garlic Chives (*Allium tuberosum*)
- Geranium, Citronella (*Pelargonium citrosum*)
- Lavender (*Lavandula* sp.)
- Lemon Balm (*Melissa officinalis*)
- Thyme (*Thymus* sp.)
- Wormwood (*Artemisia* sp.)

**LIGHT SHADE GARDEN**

- Amsonia (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)
- Daffodil (*Narcissus* sp.)
- Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum alopecuroides*)
- Foxglove (*Digitalis* sp.)
- Garlic Chives (*Allium tuberosum*)
- Geranium, Citronella (*Pelargonium citrosum*)
- Heuchera (*Heuchera americana*)

**ROCKY AREA GARDEN**

- Fescue (*Festuca ovina var. glauca*)
- Delphinium (*Delphinium* sp.)
- Dianthus (*Dianthus* sp.)
- Sweet Alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*)
- Threadleaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticilata*)

**SHADY ENTRY GARDEN**

- Astilbe (*Astilbe* sp.)
- Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra spectabilis*)
- Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)
- Foxglove (*Digitalis* sp.)
- Fringed Bleeding-heart (*Dicentra eximia*)
- Hay-scented Fern (*Dennstaedtia punctilobula*)
- Hellebore (*Helleborus* sp.)
- Lily-of-the-Valley (*Convallaria majalis*)
- Monkshood (*Aconitum* sp.)
- Sweet Woodruff (*Galium odoratum*)
- Turtlehead (*Chelone* sp.)
- Wild Ginger (*Asarum candensae*)

**SUNNY ENTRY GARDEN**

- Ageratum (*Ageratum houstonianum*)
- Amsonia (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)
- Baby’s Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*)
- Blue Fescue (*Festuca ovina var. glauca*)
- Delphinium (*Delphinium* sp.)
- Dianthus (*Dianthus* sp.)
- Feverfew (*Chrysanthemum parthenium*)
- Flowering Tobacco (*Nicotiana alata*)
Hellebore (Helleborus sp.)

**These can sometimes become invasive, use cautiously.**