



Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert

Rabbit-Resistant Plants

Although rabbits are entertaining to watch, they can also do considerable damage to the landscape. If you are in an area that has many of these furry herbivores, your best bet is to protect all new plants with chicken wire for about 30 days. The rabbits seem to prefer those fresh, sweet, new plants brought in from the nursery. These plant selection recommendations come from the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension and Mountain States Wholesale Nursery.

Abutilon palmeri, INDIAN MALLOW

Agave spp., MOST AGAVES

Aloe spp., ALOES

Antigonon leptopus, QUEEN'S WREATH

Asclepias subulata, DESERT MILKWEED

Baccharis hybrid, TRAILING DESERT BROOM

Baileya multiradiata, DESERT MARIGOLD

Berberis trifoliolata, BARBERRY

Buddleia marrubifolia, WOOLLY BUTTERFLY
BUSH

Caesalpinia mexicana, MEXICAN BIRD OF
PARADISE

Calliandra eriophylla, PINK FAIRY DUSTER

Cordia parvifolia, LITTLE-LEAF CORDIA

Dalea frutescens, BLACK DALEA

Dalea greggii, TRAILING DALEA

Dasyliirion spp., MOST DASYLIRION

Dyssodia pentachaeta, GOLDEN DYSSODIA

Encelia farinosa, BRITTLEBUSH

Eremophila maculata v. *brevifolia*, RED
EREMOPHILA

Ericameria laricifolia, TURPENTINE BUSH

Eriogonum fasciculatum v. *polifolium*, FLATTOP
BUCKWHEAT

Euphorbia rigida, BLUE EUPHORBIA

Gazania rigens, TRAILING GAZANIA

Gaillardia pulchella, BLANKET FLOWER

Hesperaloe spp., HESPERALOES

Justicia californica, CHUPAROSA

Justicia candicans, RED JUSTICIA

Justicia spicigera, MEXICAN HONEYSUCKLE

Lantana spp., LANTANAS

Larrea tridentata, CREOSOTE BUSH

Leucophyllum spp., LEUCOPHYLLUMS

Melampodium leucanthum, BLACKFOOT DAISY

Nolina spp., NOLINAS

Opuntia spp., MOST OPUNTIAS

Penstemon spp., PENSTEMONS

Plumbago scandens, WHITE PLUMBAGO

Ruellia peninsularis, BAJA RUELLIA

Salvia spp., SALVIAS

Senna artemisioides v. *filifolia*, GREEN FEATHERY
SENNA (CASSIA)

Simmondsia chinensis, JOJOBA

Sophora secundiflora, TEXAS MOUNTAIN
LAUREL

Tecoma stans v. *angustata*, ARIZONA YELLOW
BELLS

Verbena spp., VERBENAS

Yucca spp., YUCCAS

Zauschneria californica, HUMMINGBIRD
TRUMPET

Zinnia spp., NATIVE ZINNIAS