

COMMON GARDEN PESTS - ANIMALS

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| Birds; Turkeys | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Newly sown seeds > Seedlings > Fruit and berries > Vegetables <p>*Beneficial in eating insect pests; many birds are protected and it is illegal to do them harm</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Lightweight netting > Floating row cover > Scarecrows moved every few days > Miscellaneous other scaring devices > Turkeys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ tall mesh fence - most effective around small plots ~ scare/noise deterrents eg. aluminum pie pans |
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| Chipmunks & Squirrels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Eat seeds, berries, bark and flowers > Dig up bulbs, eat blossoms from tulips > Uproot container plants > When water is scarce, squirrels will 'drink' from developing tomatoes and melons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Netting of nuts and berries > Top bulb plantings with poultry netting at soil surface to deter digging |
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| Deer * Deer preferences vary by region and season | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Deer browse a wide range of vegetable, fruit, and ornamental plants > Leave ragged edges and broken stems and branches > Eat tender new growth such as new seedlings, twig tips and buds > May cause damage trampling plants while feeding > Typically active from dusk until early morning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Electric fence, most effective > Mesh Fence, 7' - 8' tall > Woven wire cages around individual plants, trees or shrubs > Sometimes effective - single strand of fishing line 3' high around garden startles deer |
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| Groundhogs / Woodchucks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Green vegetation of all sorts > Especially damaging to early spring crops when other foods are in short supply, may demolish crops of peas, lettuce, spinach and others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Poultry netting fence angled outward, 6-12 inches below the soil surface and 18-24 inches tall (above soil level) Support the above ground portion of the fence with stakes but leave loose to discourage climbing over |

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| <p>Mice, Pocket Gophers & Voles</p> <p>Mice and Voles look similar, but Voles are larger and bulkier, their fur is longer and coarser.</p> <p>Mice and Voles make shallow burrows in mulch and vegetation on the soil surface.</p> <p>Pocket gophers resemble Voles but burrow below the ground like Moles.</p> | <p>> All of these rodents feed on seeds, bulbs, roots and bark</p> <p>> Active year-round but most damaging in winter when other food sources are scarce</p> <p>> Mice and Voles nest beneath the snow at the base of fruit trees gnawing at bark and fine roots until the tree is girdled, robbed of its support system, causing the death of the tree</p> | <p>> Surround the trunks of fruit trees with cylinders of 1/4" wire mesh Cylinders should be 24" above ground, several inches below soil and fit closely to the tree</p> <p>> Plant bulbs in baskets of poultry netting Plant tulips among daffodils - tulips are desirable, daffodils are toxic and may deter rodents</p> <p>> Clear brush and tall vegetation away from the base of fruit trees and bushes to remove nesting and burrowing sites</p> <p>> Put snap traps baited with peanut butter along surface tunnels</p> |
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| <p>Moles</p> <p>Make raised tunnels in soil in search of food.</p> <p>Eat grubs and earthworms, not plants.</p> | <p>> Extensive tunnels ruin lawns and provide easy entry for mice and voles which eat plant roots and bulbs</p> <p>> If you have mole runs, chances are your soil is full of beetle grubs</p> | <p>> Address food source - beetle grubs</p> <p>> Locate a permanent tunnel leading from the underground nest (find a long straight run and push down in a few places, if you find it open the next day it is a permanent passage) Try flooding the permanent passage, be prepared to kill the mole when it emerges Place various commercial mole traps along a permanent passage</p> <p>> Natural predators include owls, hawks and foxes</p> |