



Plants Animals Don't Prefer to Eat

In general animals tend to prefer to eat young and tender shoots and bark over older trunks and stems. As trees, shrubs and evergreens mature and develop coarser stems and trunks; they are less appealing to animals.

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Thick or fuzzy-leaved plants like lamb's ears, sedum, hollyhocks
Aromatic plants like mints, lavender, sage

Shrubs and evergreens to try:

Clethra (summersweet)
Fragrant sumac
Boxwood
Juniper
Bayberry
Butterfly bush
Caryopteris
Cotoneaster
Daphne
Hydrangea
Forsythia
Winterberry holly
Lilac
Potentilla
Red osier dogwood
Rose-of-sharon
Spirea
Viburnum
St. John's wort

Perennials to try:

Most ornamental grasses
Barrenwort
Euphorbia
Gaillardia
Goldenrod
Ferns
Lamb's ears
Monkshood

Russian sage
Salvia
Daffodils
Ajuga
Artemisia
Astilbe
Bleeding heart
Catmint
Columbine
Coralbell
Coreopsis
Foamflowers
Foxglove
Goat's beard
Hollyhocks
Hardy geranium
Lavender
Lenten rose (Helleborus)
Lady's mantle
Iris
Lamium
Liatris
Mints
Mums
Peony
Sage
Sedum
Turtlehead
Veronica
Yarrow