

Rabbit Resistant Plants — SE Wisconsin

Legend: Sun column is color-coded (☀️/☁️/☁️). N = Wisconsin Native. Sorted by sun → height.

Why these plants resist browsing: aromatic or bitter compounds; tough or coarse leaves; low nutritional reward.

Resistance reflects typical behavior in SW Wisconsin landscapes. Young plants may need temporary protection.

☀️ Full Sun	☁️ Part Sun	☁️ Shade	N Native
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Plant	Scientific name	N	Ht (ft)	Sun
Common blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium angustifolium</i>	N	0.5–1	☀️
Allium, nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	N	1–2	☀️
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	N	1–3	☀️
Catmint, Walker's Low	<i>Nepeta × faassenii</i>		1–2	☀️
Common yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	N	1–3	☀️
Lanceleaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	N	1–2	☀️
Lavender	<i>Lavandula spp.</i>		1–3	☀️
Anise hyssop	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	N	2–4	☀️☁️
Sedum & Hylotelephium	<i>Sedum & Hylotelephium spp.</i>		1–2	☀️
Stachys, lamb's ear	<i>Stachys spp.</i>		1–1.5	☀️
Dense blazing star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	N	2–4	☀️
Pale Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	N	2–4	☀️
Peony	<i>Paeonia spp.</i>		2–3	☀️
Prairie dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	N	2–3	☀️
Showy goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	N	2–4	☀️
Soapweed yucca	<i>Yucca glauca</i>		2–3	☀️
Wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	N	2–4	☀️
Yellow coneflower	<i>Echinacea paradoxa</i>	N	2–3	☀️
Blue false indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	N	3–4	☀️
Blue sage	<i>Salvia azurea</i>	N	3–5	☀️
Helenium	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	N	3–5	☀️

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Rattlesnake master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	N	3–5	☀️
Russian sage	<i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i>		3–5	☀️
Culver's speedwell	<i>Veronica virginica</i>	N	4–6	☀️
Daylily (low resistance)	<i>Hemerocallis spp.</i>		1–3	☀️☁️
Astilbe	<i>Astilbe spp.</i>		1–3	☁️
Columbine, eastern red	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	N	1–2	☁️
Dwarf larkspur	<i>Delphinium tricornes</i>	N	1–2	☁️
Hellebore, Lenten rose	<i>Helleborus × hybridus</i>		1–2	☁️
Lady's mantle	<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>		1–1.5	☁️
Cranesbill, wild geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	N	1.5–2.5	☁️
Bleeding heart	<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>		2–3	☁️
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	N	2–4	☁️
Scarlet bee balm	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	N	2–4	☁️
Digitalis, foxglove	<i>Digitalis spp.</i>		3–5	☁️
Sweet Joe-Pye weed	<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>	N	4–7	☁️
Hosta (low resistance)	<i>Hosta spp.</i>		1–3	☁️☀️
Canadian wild ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	N	0.5–1	☁️
Spotted dead-nettle	<i>Lamium maculatum</i>		0.5–1	☁️
Northern Maidenhair Fern	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	N	1–2	☁️
Pulmonaria, lungwort	<i>Pulmonaria spp.</i>		1–1.5	☁️
Smooth Solomon's seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	N	2–4	☁️



Rabbit resistance is relative, not guaranteed—hungry rabbits may browse any plant.

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