

Javelina-Resistant Plants for Southern Arizona

This file contains two lists. The first is a list of javelina-resistant plants adapted to desert conditions. The second is the list from the University of Arizona. This list does not address drought/soil/water needs.

This list was compiled from the collective wisdom of the Garden Wizards at Harlow Gardens and represents decades of experience regarding our desert brand of collared peccary (javelina).

Annuals/Perennials

- Chrysanthemum
- Cosmos
- Foxglove
- Geranium
- Globe Amaranth
- Larkspur
- Marigold
- Periwinkle/Vinca
- Salvia
- Snapdragon

Bulbs

- Daffodils
- Dahlias
- Daylily
- Gladiola
- Iris

Groundcover

- Golden Fleece (Dyssodia)
- Ivy

- Rosemary
- Vinca

Shrubs, Cacti, and Succulents

- Aloe
- Barrel Cactus (5 gal. size or larger)
- Caesalpinia spp. (i.e. Mexican, Red, and Yellow Bird of Paradise)
- Cholla (*Opuntia bigelovii*)
- Creosote
- Desert Spoon (*Dasyliirion* spp.)
- Euphorbia spp. (i.e. Gopher Plant, Fire Sticks, Moroccan Mound, etc.)
- Junipers
- Lavender
- Nandina
- Ocotillo (5 gal. or larger)
- Rosemary
- Sages
- Yuccas

This information has been reviewed by university [of Arizona] faculty.

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Javelina are omnivorous animals with poor eyesight and a keen sense of smell. They browse and eat roots of many plants. Their diet changes with food availability in their environment. They may also nibble on or dig up plants that they do not actually eat. The plant names on this list represent plants less likely to be eaten by javelina, but there are no guarantees that they won't touch them. The only certain method to prevent plant injury is through exclusion (a fence or other barrier). This list was compiled from a technical report researched and written by Cindy Ticer of Arizona Game and Fish Department. Ticer studied urban javelina in the Prescott area in 1993 and utilized 300 homeowner interviews concerning javelina eating habits.

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 Common

Name Botanical

Name Allysum Allysum.....Allysum spp.

Basil.....Ocimum spp.

Butterfly Bush.....Buddleia spp.

Carnations.....Dianthus spp.

Chili Pepper.....Capsicum annum

Chrysanthemum.....Chrysanthemum spp.

Cosmos.....Cosmos spp.

Cottonwood Trees.....Populus spp.

Cucumbers.....Cucumis sativus

Daffodils.....Narcissus spp.

Dahlias.....Dahlia spp.

Daylily.....Hemerocallis spp.

Deerbrush.....Ceanothus spp.

Easter Lily..... Lillium longiflorum

Eggplant.....Solanum melogena

Fir Trees.....Abies spp.

Geraniums.....Geranium spp.

Gladiola.....Gladiolus spp.

Globe Amaranth.....Gomphrena spp.

Hen & Chicks..... Echeveria elegans

Hibiscus.....Hibiscus spp.

Ice Plant.....Mesembryanthemum spp.

Iris.....Iris spp.

Ivy.....Hedera spp.

Juniper Shrubs.....Juniperus spp.

Juniper Trees.....Juniperus spp.

Larkspur.....Delphinium spp.

Lilac.....Syringa spp.

Manzanita.....Arctostaphylos spp.
Maple Trees..... Acer spp.
Marigolds.....Tagetes spp.
Mountain Mahogany.....Cercocarpus spp.
Oak Trees.....Quercus spp.
Pampas Grass.....Cortaderia selloana
Pansies.....Viola spp.
Peonies.....Paeonia spp.
Petunias.....Petunia hybrida
Pine Trees.....Pinus spp.
Portulaca.....Portulaca grandiflora
Red-Hot Poker.....Kniphofia uvaria
Rose bushes.....Rosa spp.
Rosemary.....Rosemarinus officinalis
Sage.....Salvia officinalis
Santolina.....Santolina
Shrub Live Oak.....Quercus turbinella
Silktassel.....Garrya wrightii
Skunkbush.....Rhus trilobata
Snapdragons.....Antirrhinum majus
Spruce Trees.....Picea spp.
Sweet William..... Dianthus barbatus
Vinca.....Vinca spp.
Violas.....Viola spp.
Zinnia.....Zinnia spp.