

Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way



Blue star grass and mint are not appetizing to bunnies.



Viburnum is tolerant, tough, and boasts fragrant flowers.



The fragrant flowers of the crabapple tree.



Deer-resistant calendula surrounds the flowering arugula. Flowers are edible.

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10. Employ the use of motion detector outdoor lights and motion sensor sprinklers to scare the thieves away.

11. Build raised beds with removable wire tops.

12. Yell and scream and chase the trespassers away to let them know they are not welcome. (But sometimes they are so adorable you'll want to snap some photos first!)

13. Don't intentionally feed the nature critters.

14. When all else fails and you need help to trap the marauders, contact trapper Chris Davies of Full Boar Depradation, LLC at 925-698-1845, www.fullboar-llc.com. The insured company is licensed by the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife to hunt and trap offending wildlife.

Stems and leaves that are scratchy, thorny, hairy, fuzzy, bitter, spicy, sappy, stiff, leathery or toxic will keep the predators away as they hunt for their next meal. Most varieties of gray or silver-hued plants are usually not appreciated by the hungry hunters, either.

Although there is no such thing as wildlife-proof plants, here is a list of probable safe bets to introduce into your landscape.

Remember that no plants or trees are 100% animal-proof, but many are resistant. Do your homework to find the right plants for the correct place. Be diligent. Be watchful. Experiment.

The fragrance of spring fills the air and egg-citing Easter is nigh. I'm hoping that

Peter Cottontail comes hopping down the bunny trail bringing baskets full of joy to every girl and boy. And mostly chocolate bunnies!

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.
Happy Easter and Passover.

- Foxglove
- Lavender
- Peony
- Sage
- Society Garlic
- Artemis
- New Zealand Flax
- Portulaca
- Boxwood
- Forsythia
- Begonia
- Calla Lily
- Four O'Clock
- Yarrow
- Star Jasmine
- Muscari
- Ferns
- Naked Ladies
- Bearded Iris
- Birds of Paradise
- Hellebore
- Columbine
- Gazania
- Primrose
- Chinese Fringe Flower
- Honeysuckle
- Viburnum
- Barberry
- Butterfly bush
- Silky Dogwood
- Elderberry
- Weigela
- Spirea
- Pink Bower Vine
- Allium
- Privet
- Abelia
- Cleome
- Freesia
- Iris
- Blue star
- Oregano
- Fennel
- Sunflower
- Marigold
- Calendula
- Gladiola
- Ornamental Grasses