

Quit Biting Me!!!

Mosquitoes are a huge warm weather pest. Skip the chemical sprays though and try to go organic. To prevent bites rub fresh lavender, geranium, lemon balm or lemon thyme on skin (be sure to do an allergy test first!). To deter visitors to outside gatherings add 5-10 drops rosemary, spearmint or geranium essential oil and water to a potpourri burner.

Groundhogs got ya' down?

If you have persistent groundhogs digging up your garden try adding used kitty litter to the entrance of their burrow. Eventually, the furry invader will get sick of cleaning house and move.

Sharing your lettuce with slugs?

Try mulching around your lettuce with shredded computer paper or sweet gum tree seedpods. This slimy garden invader will look for other food instead of risk injury by moving over the sharp substrate.



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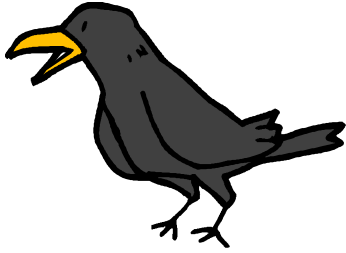
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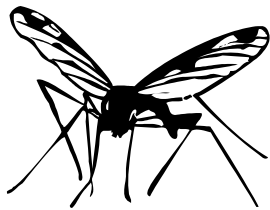


Finding earth
friendly and
humane solutions
to your wildlife
problems.

Let's face it, even some of the most devout wildlife enthusiasts can get a little fed up when they discover their garden raided, their favorite bush striped of all of its leaves and all the cherries picked off their cherry tree.

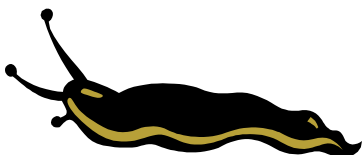


Finding a balance between your love of wildlife and your love for your backyard can be difficult. Fortunately, you don't have to surrender your entire landscape to the animals. Nor do you have to resort to toxic methods of control.



Instead, try using organic pest deterrents to reduce unwanted damage to your garden and yard.

They are easier on the environment, the animals and your wallet!



Deer problems?

Try hanging empty detergent boxes and/or mesh bags filled with human hair or dirty socks on stakes around your garden. Be sure to change every few days to keep the scent strong.

Disappearing Cherries?

If your cherries are disappearing before you can pick them, birds are probably to blame. Cut an onion into fourths and hang with wire from the branches of your tree. The smell should deter the thieves.

Aphids, aphids everywhere!

Add 1 tablespoon citrus rind to 1 pint boiling water. Cover, remove from heat and let steep over night. Strain out the rind, add 3 drops dishwashing soap* and fill a spray bottle. Spray affected plants.

*Try switching to an environmentally friendly dish soap.

Bulbs disappearing before they grow?

To prevent burrowing mammals from carrying off your bulbs, place a handful of sharp gravel into the hole, then add the bulb and cover with another handful of gravel before adding soil. If squirrels are the culprit, lay chicken wire on top of the soil where they bulb was planted to prevent digging.

