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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 of 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.

| Common Name      | Botanical Name               | Common Name       | Botanical Name                 |
|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Allysum          | <i>Allysum</i> spp.          | Larkspur          | <i>Delphinium</i> spp.         |
| Basil            | <i>Ocimum</i> spp.           | Lilac             | <i>Syringa</i> spp.            |
| Butterfly Bush   | <i>Buddleia</i> spp.         | Manzanita         | <i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.     |
| Carnations       | <i>Dianthus</i> spp.         | Maple Trees       | <i>Acer</i> spp.               |
| Chili Pepper     | <i>Capsicum annuum</i>       | Marigolds         | <i>Tagetes</i> spp.            |
| Chrysanthemum    | <i>Chrysanthemum</i> spp.    | Mountain Mahogany | <i>Cercocarpus</i> spp.        |
| Cosmos           | <i>Cosmo</i> spp.            | Oak Trees         | <i>Quercus</i> spp.            |
| Cottonwood Trees | <i>Populus</i> spp.          | Pampas Grass      | <i>Cortaderia selloana</i>     |
| Cucumbers        | <i>Cucumis sativus</i>       | Pansies           | <i>Viola</i> spp.              |
| Daffodils        | <i>Narcissus</i> spp.        | Peonies           | <i>Paeonia</i> spp.            |
| Dahlias          | <i>Dahlia</i> spp.           | Petunias          | <i>Petunia hybrida</i>         |
| Daylily          | <i>Hemerocallis</i> spp.     | Pine Trees        | <i>Pinus</i> spp.              |
| Deerbrush        | <i>Ceanothus</i> spp.        | Portulaca         | <i>Portulaca grandiflora</i>   |
| Easter Lily      | <i>Lillium longiflorum</i>   | Red-Hot Poker     | <i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>        |
| Eggplant         | <i>Solanum melogena</i>      | Rose bushes       | <i>Rosa</i> spp.               |
| Fir Trees        | <i>Abies</i> spp.            | Rosemary          | <i>Rosemarinus officinalis</i> |
| Geraniums        | <i>Geranium</i> spp.         | Sage              | <i>Salvia officinalis</i>      |
| Gladiola         | <i>Gladiolus</i> spp.        | Santolina         | <i>Santolina</i>               |
| Globe Amaranth   | <i>Gomphrena</i> spp.        | Shrub Live Oak    | <i>Quercus turbinella</i>      |
| Hen & Chicks     | <i>Echeveria elegans</i>     | Silktassel        | <i>Garrya wrightii</i>         |
| Hibiscus         | <i>Hibiscus</i> spp.         | Skunkbush         | <i>Rhus trilobata</i>          |
| Ice Plant        | <i>Mesembryanthemum</i> spp. | Snapdragons       | <i>Antirrhinum majus</i>       |
| Iris             | <i>Iris</i> spp.             | Spruce Trees      | <i>Picea</i> spp.              |
| Ivy              | <i>Hedera</i> spp.           | Sweet William     | <i>Dianthus barbatus</i>       |
| Juniper Shrubs   | <i>Juniperus</i> spp.        | Vinca             | <i>Vinca</i> spp.              |
| Juniper Trees    | <i>Juniperus</i> spp.        | Violas            | <i>Viola</i> spp.              |
|                  |                              | Zinnia            | <i>Zinnia</i> spp.             |

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