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Pest	Hosts	Description	Damage	Control
Earthworms	Bedding Plants	Large smooth worms that burrow in the soil Beneficial unless too many	Small transplants and their root systems are disturbed or eaten	Handpick the worms from potted plants Water less frequently
Slugs and Snails	Most Plants	Slimy, soft-bodied worm-like mollusks Snails have hard shell over extremely soft bodies	Holes chewed in leaves Small seedlings eaten	Hand picking or traps Slug and snail baits with metaldehyde Squirt with ammonia
Birds	Some flowers Decorative fruits Many other plants	Quail, robin, starling, pigeon, sparrow and others	Most damage to ripening fruit Eat holes in fruit causing fruit to spoil Daytime feeders	Netting over trees Scarecrows in trees
Gophers	Many plants	Rodent living under the soil	Eat plant roots	Traps and Poison
Rodents	Tulip and other bulbs except daffodills	Small to medium sized mammals that feed on plant bulbs, seeds and leaves	Damage to leaves evident No growth if bulb or seed is eaten before emergence	Plant bulbs under chicken wire mesh or in wire baskets Cats or live animal traps
Squirrels and rabbits	Many plants	Mammal	Eat tops of plants	Traps