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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 |