

TWO EFFECTIVE WILDLIFE DETERRENTS

PLANTSKYDD

Plantskydd is a safe and effective protection for flowers, shrubs and trees. It has been used by several Castle Pines Garden Club members who found it to be an excellent repellent for deer, elk, squirrels, rabbits and voles. It was developed in Sweden in 1991 to protect young tree forests being decimated by deer and moose.



It is made of 100 % natural ingredients: dried porcine and/or bovine blood, vegetable oil and water. Plantskydd repels animals by emitting an unpleasant odor that browsing animals associate with predator activity and produces a fear based response. As the description on the bottle says, "animal garden feeders will look for somewhere else to dine".

Plantskydd is non-toxic and not harmful to animals or the environment. You can use it around your pets although they should be kept inside when it is sprayed on plants until the treated plants are dry.

Plantskydd comes in several different forms: soluble-powder concentrate, granular Plantskydd and liquid form. The spray lasts up to 6 months over winter on dormant plants and 3-4 months during the active growing season. It should be sprayed on dry plants and allowed to dry for 24 hours. Plantskydd is rain-resistant

and does not require re-application after watering or rainfall. Spray in morning or late afternoon when the sun is not as strong. It is effective against most wildlife.

The granular form is more for rabbits and small critters. It can be sprinkled liberally around your garden, flowerbeds and trees at any time of the year.

Plantskydd's active ingredient, dried blood, also acts as an organic fertilizer. Plantskydd's literature states that flowers are often larger and leaves greener when treated with Plantskydd.

Plantskydd is currently available at several Denver area locations including most Wild Bird Centers. The two closest are the Wild Bird Center at 5940 S. Holly Street and their sister store at 13019 S. Parker Road in Parker. Home Depot has said that they plan to carry this product in the near future although we did not find it on their shelves as of March 11, 2010. Call 1-800-252-6051 or www.plantskydd.com to find other distributors.





CLARK'S TREE WRAP

Clarks Tree Wrap is another product used by many gardeners in Castle Pines. It provides protection from sun scald, windburn, severe frost. Most importantly, it prevents deer and elk from removing the bark from young trees with their antlers. When the bark is removed, the tree will often die.

Clark's Tree Wrap is constructed of two 30 lb. layers of high quality craft paper, laminated with a 25 lb. layer of asphalt to provide a high degree of weather resistance. It is creped in order to provide a 30 % stretch allowing it to conform to irregular surfaces.

It is easily applied by simply wrapping around the trunk of the tree and securing with either tape or staples. But do not staple into the tree!!!

Clark's Tree Wrap is available at all nurseries and home improvement stores.

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