

ROOF RATS NEST IN BACKYARD PLANTS

The Orange County Vector Control District has developed a list of backyard plants that are known to harbor roof rats in Orange County. These plants are common plants that you will find at your local nursery. Consideration should be taken when planting these ornamentals as they provide both food and nesting sites for these rats.

- Algerian Ivy (*Hedera canariensis*)
- Bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea* spp.)
- California Fan Palm (*Washingtonia filifera*)
- Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*)
- Creeping Fig Vine (*Ficus pumila* or *repens*)
- Italian Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*)
- Natal Plum (*Carissa macrocarpa* or *grandiflora*)
- Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
- Sydney Golden Wattle (*Acacia longifolia*)
- Yucca (*Yucca* spp.)
- Cape Honeysuckle (*Tecomaria capensis*)



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