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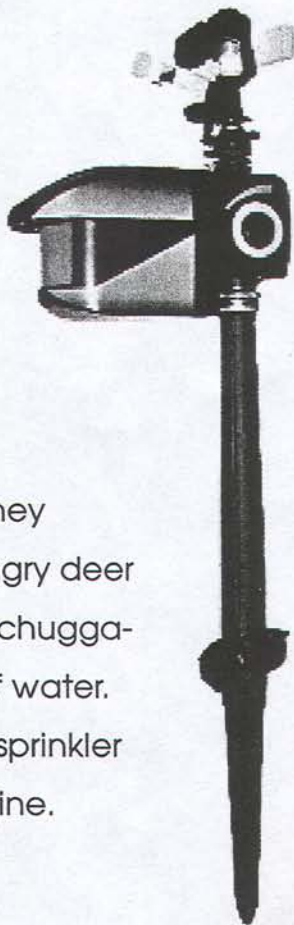
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BEST DEER CHASER

Squirt 'em

When we first saw the Scarecrow, a motion-activated sprinkler designed to chase animals away from gardens, we thought it was too silly-looking to actually work. But the normally sober-sided folks at Consumers Union in Yonkers, N.Y., were willing to take a chance.

As reported in a recent issue of Consumer Reports magazine, they installed it for a summer in their test garden and it deterred hungry deer better than electric fencing or deer netting. "It makes chugga-chugga-shhuu noises as its head turns to deliver a three-second burst of water. The combination of the spray, the noise and the motion of the sprinkler head scares off intruders before harm is done," said the magazine.



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