Herbs and Flowers in the Vegetable Garden


Alyssum: Attracts pollinators and other beneficial insects.


Calendula: Attracts bees and other pollinators. Trap crop for slugs.

Chamomile: Enhances other herbs, cole crops, cucumbers, melons. Attracts hoverflies and predatory wasps.


Chives: Enhances tomatoes, cole crops, carrots. Can repel/distract cabbage looper, cabbage maggot, carrot rust fly. May reduce or inhibit mildew.


Dianthus: Attracts pollinators. Trap crop for slugs.

Dill: Enhances lettuce, spinach, onion, garlic, cole crops, cucumbers, melons. Can repel/distract aphids, mites, cabbage loopers, squash bugs, some beetles. Attracts bees, hoverflies, predatory wasps, and many butterflies.

Geranium/Pelargonium: Enhances corn, peppers, beets, lettuce, spinach. Can repel/distract leafhoppers and some beetles.


Lavender: Enhances cole crops, lettuce, spinach, onion, garlic, tomatoes, squashes. Attracts many pollinators.

Lovage: Enhances most crops. Attracts predatory insects.
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Marigold: Enhances all crops. Distracts slugs and snails. Deters leafhoppers, nematodes, cutworms, some weeds and diseases.


Oregano: Enhances tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplants. Distracts aphids.


Parsley: Enhances corn, tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplant. Attracts predatory wasps, and many butterflies.


Rosemary: Enhances cole crops, peas, beans, carrots. Can repel/distract beetles and cabbage maggot. Big root system – can be competitive.


Savory: Enhances peas, beans, onions, garlic.

Sunflower: Enhances corn, tomato. Trap crop (distraction) for aphids and ants.

Tarragon: Enhances all crops, especially good for tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplant. Repels many pests.


Yarrow: Enhances herbs. Improves soils.