

Herbs and Flowers in the Vegetable Garden

Aster: Enhances many crops. Distracts aphids, mites. Attracts bees.

Agastache: Enhances cole crops and grapes. Distracts cabbage loopers. Attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds

Alyssum: Attracts pollinators and other beneficial insects.

Basil: Enhances tomatoes. Can repel/distract asparagus beetle, thrip. Attracts bees.

Borage: Enhances most crops - notable for cucumber, melon, strawberry. Distracts many pests. Attracts bees and predatory insects.

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

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

Cilantro/ Coriander: Enhances spinach, peas, beans. Can repel/distract aphids, mites, and whitefly. Attracts beneficial insects.

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

Chrysanthemum: Enhances many crops. Distracts aphids, mites. Attracts bees.

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.

Hyssop: Enhances cole crops and grapes. Distracts cabbage loopers. Attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

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.

Mints: Enhances cole crops. Can repel/distract cabbage maggot, cabbage looper, ants. Use carefully - very aggressive.

Nasturtium: Enhances cucumbers, melons, peas, beans, cole crops. Can repel/distract aphids, some beetles, leafhoppers, whitefly, cabbage looper. Attracts predatory insects.

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

Pansy/Viola: Attracts bees and butterflies. Trap crop for aphids and slugs. Can grow in shade of larger plants.

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

Petunia: Enhances asparagus, cucumber, melon, squashes. Can repel/distract aphids, beetles, and leafhoppers.

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

Sage/Salvia: Enhances cole crops, peas, beans, carrots. Can repel/distract flea beetles, cabbage looper, cabbage maggot, carrot rust fly. Attracts bees.

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.

Thyme: Enhances cole crops. Can repel/distract whitefly. Attracts pollinators.

Yarrow: Enhances herbs. Improves soils.

Zinnia: Enhances all crops. Can repel/distract whitefly. Attracts bees.