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Herbs That Help Repel Pests

Pest

Herb

Ant	Spearmint, Onion, Tansy
Aphid	Castor Bean, Garlic, Spearmint
Potato Bean Beetle	Marigold
Cabbage Worm	Basil, Chives, Chamomile, Dill Oregano, Parsley
Carrot Fly	Rosemary, Sage, Thyme, Chives, Onion
Colorado Potato Beetle	Green Bean, Horseradish, Marigold, Tansy
Hornworm	Basil, Eggplant
Japanese Beetle	Garlic, Tansy
Mexican Bean Beetle	Marigold
Nematode	Marigold
Striped Cucumber Beetle	Broccoli, Nasturtium, Radish, Tansy
Whitefly	Garlic, Marigold, Nasturtium, Spearmint, Tansy



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Companion Plants: Good Bedfellows

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Vegetable

Anise	Coriander
Basil	Peppers, Tomatoes
Bee Balm	Tomatoes
Borage	Beans, Strawberries, Tomatoes
Chamomile	Cucumbers, Onions, Most Herbs
Chervil	Radishes
Chives	Carrots, Grapes, Roses, Tomatoes
Dill	Cabbages, Onions, Lettuces
Garlic	Roses
Horseradish	Potatoes
Hyssop	Cabbages, Grapes
Lovage	Beans
Mint	Cabbages, Tomatoes
Mustards	Beans, Grapes, Fruit Trees, Onions, Beets, Cabbages, Lettuces, Strawberries
Oregano	Beans
Rosemary	Beans, Tomatoes, Marjoram
Savory	Beans, Onions
Tarragon	Most Vegetables
Thyme	Eggplant, Potatoes, Tomatoes



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Biological Controls and Their Prey

Assassin bugs *	aphids, beetles, caterpillars, stinkbugs
Big-eyed bugs & nymphs	aphids, caterpillars, leafhoppers, mites, thrips, whiteflies, insect eggs
Centipedes	beetles, cockroaches, crickets, cutworms
Damsel bugs & nymphs *	aphids, caterpillars, leafhoppers, mites
Green lacewing larvae *	aphids, beetles, caterpillars, mealy bugs, spider mites, thrips, whiteflies
Ladybeetles & larvae	aphids, mealybugs, mites, scales
Minute pirate bugs	spider mites, thrips
Parasitic wasps	aphids, caterpillars, grasshoppers
Praying mantids *	eats just about everything, including each other
Predatory wasps	bees, caterpillars, spiders
Spiders *	many insects and spiders
Spined soldier bugs	beetles, caterpillars
Sun spiders *	beetles, flies, leafhoppers, moths
Syrphid fly larvae	aphids
Whipscorpions *	beetles, cockroaches, crickets, cutworms

source: Earth-Friendly Desert Gardening

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Plants that Attract Beneficial Insects

Integrate these plants into a border or place them in swaths around the garden. Mix many kinds, as the wider the range of food and shelter you provide, the more varieties of insects you'll attract and the more likely they'll be to stay. Plan your garden so that some plants are in flower throughout the year.

Buckwheat (*Eriogonum*)
Clovers (*Trifolium* and other species)
Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum*)
Coreopsis
Corn cockle (*Agrostemma githago*)
Cosmos (*Cosmos bipinnatus*)
Dill (*Anethum graveolens*)
Evening primrose (*Oenothera*)
Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*)
Feverfew (*Chrysanthemum parthenium*)
Fleabane (*Erigeron*)
Mustard (*Brassica*)
Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*)
Sweet alyssum
 (*Lobularia maritima*)
Tansy
 (*Tanacetum vulgare*)
Tidytips
 (*Layia platyglossa*)
Wild lilac (*Ceanothus*)
Yarrow (*Achillea*)



source: Western Garden



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