

Companion Planting Quick Reference Guide

<i>To Protect</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>Plant:</i>	<i>Because:</i>	<i>Special considerations:</i>
all garden plants	all pests	a variety of herbs and flowers	They attract beneficial insects that prey on the pests.	Let plants go to flower as much as possible, as it's the flowers that attract many beneficial insects.
all garden plants	root knot nematodes	African and French marigolds	They produce a substance that is toxic to root knot nematodes.	This works best when used as a cover crop, not solely a companion plant.
all garden plants	aphids	wide variety of herbs and flowers	As garden diversity increases, aphid damage decreases.	
all garden plants	all pests	tansy	Attracts more ladybugs and lacewings than any other plant.	Tansy is invasive; plant it in a pot nearby.
beans	blackfly	nasturtium	Lures the blackfly away from beans.	
brassicas	pests	crimson clover	Attracts pest-eating spiders.	
broccoli, cabbage	cabbage root fly, turnip root fly	dill, sunflowers	The flies will lay their eggs on the dill and sunflowers that impede their access to the broccoli and cabbage.	This is a physical pairing that will work best when the dill and sunflower are already taller than the broccoli and cabbage.
broccoli, cabbage, lettuce	cabbage worm, cabbage looper	thyme, nasturtium, onion, marigold		Thyme performed the best in one study.
cabbage	caterpillars	nasturtium	The caterpillars prefer nasturtiums.	Use these as a trap crop.
cabbage	diamondback moth caterpillar	tomatoes	Pest numbers decrease.	
carrots	carrot rust fly	onions	Onions keep the rust fly larvae from tunneling into carrots underground.	
cucumbers	cucumber beetle	broccoli	Broccoli repels cucumber beetles.	
potatoes	colorado potato beetle	dill	Pest numbers decrease.	
potatoes	colorado potato beetle	tansy	Pest numbers decrease.	Tansy is invasive; plant it in a pot nearby.
tomato	yellow-striped armyworm	basil, thyme		
tomato	thrips, tomato hornworm	basil		
tomato	pests	borage	The flowers attract pest-eating wasps.	
zucchini	cucumber beetle	marigold, nasturtium, thyme		Damage still occurred in one study but less than with other companions.
zucchini	squash bug	marigold, nasturtium		