



Companionate Plants for the Organic Gardener

A list of herbs, their companions and uses

<u>Herb</u>	<u>Companions & Effects</u>
Basil	Companion to tomatoes; improves growth and flavor. Repels flies & mosquitoes. Dislikes rue immensely.
Beebalm	Companion to tomatoes; improves growth, flavor and pollination.
Borage	Companion to tomatoes, squash and strawberries; deters tomato hornworm; improves growth and flavor.
Caraway	Plant here and there, loosens soil.
Catnip	Plant in borders; deters flea beetle.
Chamomile	Companion to cabbages and onions; improves growth and flavor.
Chervil	Companion to radishes; improves growth and flavor.
Chives	Companion to carrots; improves growth and flavor.
Dead nettle	Companion to potatoes; deters potato bug; improves growth and flavor.
Dill	Companion to cabbage; dislikes carrots; improves growth and health of cabbage.
Fennel	Plants away from gardens; most plants dislike it.

Garlic	Plant near roses and raspberries; deters Japanese beetle; improves growth and health.
Horseradish	Plant at corners of potato patch to deter potato bug.
Hyssop	Deters cabbage moth; companion to cabbage and grapes. Keep away from radishes.
Lamb's Quarters	This edible weed should be allowed to grow in moderate amounts in the garden, especially in corn.
Lovage	Improves flavor and health of plants if planted here and there.
Marigold	The workhorse of the pest deterrents. Plant throughout the garden, it discourages Mexican bean beetles, nematodes, and other insects. Can also help deter deer and rabbits.
Mint	Companion to cabbage and tomatoes; improves health and flavor; deters white cabbage moth.
Nasturtium	Companion to radishes, cabbage and cucurbits; plant under fruit trees. Deters aphids, squash bugs, striped pumpkin beetles. Improves growth and flavor.
Pot Marigold	Companion to tomatoes, but plant elsewhere in the garden too. Deters asparagus beetle, tomato worm, and general garden pests.
Purslane	This edible weed makes good ground cover in the corn.
Pigweed	One of the best weeds for pumping nutrients from the subsoil. It is especially beneficial to potatoes, onions and corn. Keep weeds thinned.
Peppermint	Planted among cabbages, it repels white cabbage butterfly.
Rosemary	Companion to cabbage, beans, carrots, and sage; deters cabbage moth, bean beetles, and carrot fly.

Rue	Keep it far away from sweet basil, plant near roses and raspberries; deters Japanese beetle.
Sage	Plant with rosemary, cabbage, and carrots; keep away from cucumbers. Deters cabbage moth and carrot fly.
Sowthistle	This weed in moderate amounts can help tomatoes, onions and corn.
Summery Savory	Plant with beans and onions; improves growth and flavor. Deters bean beetles.
Tansy	Plant under fruit trees; companion to roses and raspberries. Deters flying insects, Japanese beetles, striped cucumber beetles, squash bugs, and ants.
Tarragon	Good throughout the garden.
Thyme	Here and there in the garden. It deters cabbage worm.
Wormwood	As a border, it helps keep animals out of the garden.
Yarrow	Plant along borders, paths, near aromatic herbs; enhances essential oil production.