

a couple of general plants that make great companions for other reasons

- **Basil** helps repel flies and mosquitoes.
- **Borage** in the strawberry patch will increase the yield.
- **Catnip** repels fleas, ants and rodents.
- **Caraway** helps breakdown heavy soils.
- **Chamomile** deters flies and mosquitoes and gives strength to any plant growing nearby.
- **Chives** grown beneath apple trees will help to prevent apple scab; beneath roses will keep away aphids and blackspot.
- **Elderberry** a general insecticide, the leaves encourage compost fermentation, the flowers and berries make lovely wine!
- **Fennel** (not *F. vulgare* or *F. officinale*) repels flies, fleas and ants.
- **French Marigold** root secretions kill nematodes in the soil. Will repel white fly amongst tomatoes.
- **Garlic** helps keep aphids away from roses.
- **Hyssop** attracts cabbage white moth keeping brassicas free from infestation.
- **Mint** repels cabbage white moth. Dried and placed with clothes will repel clothes moth.
- **Nasturtium** secrete a mustard oil, which many insects find attractive and will seek out, particularly the cabbage white moth. Alternatively, the flowers repel aphids and the cucumber beetle. The climbing variety grown up apple trees will repel codling moth.
- **Pyrethrum** will repel bugs if grown around the vegetable garden.
- **Rosemary** repels carrot fly.
- **Rue** (*Rutus*, not *Peganum*) keeps cats and dogs off garden beds if planted round the borders.
- **Sage** protects cabbages from cabbage white moth.
- **Tansy** (*Tanacetum*, not *Senecio*) repels moths, flies and ants. Plant beneath peach trees to repel harmful flying insects. Tansy leaves assist compost fermentation.
- **Wormwood** (*Artemesia*, not *Ambrosia*) although it can inhibit the growth of plants near it, wormwood does repel moths, flies and fleas and keeps animals off the garden.