



# Plants for Beneficial Insects

Be wary of using pesticides or herbicides. Remember that even the organic pesticide BT is deadly to insects and caterpillars.

## Trees

Aesculus californica (BUCKEYE, CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE)  
Cornus spp. (DOGWOOD)  
Heteromeles arbutifolia (TOYON, CALIFORNIA HOLLY)  
Nothofagus spp. (SOUTHERN BEECHES)  
Nyssa sylvatica (TUPELO)  
Prunus virginiana var. demissa (WESTERN CHOKECHERRY)  
Quercus spp. (OAKS)  
Salix spp. (WILLOW)  
Sambucus spp. (ELDERBERRY)  
Umbellularia californica (CALIFORNIA BAY OR LAUREL)

## Shrubs

Arctostaphylos spp. (MANZANITA)  
Baccharis pilularis (COYOTE BUSH)  
Baccharis salicifolia [B. glutinosa] (MULEFAT)  
Buddleia spp. (BUTTERFLY BUSH)  
Ceanothus spp. (CALIFORNIA LILAC)  
Cornus spp. (DOGWOOD)  
Echium fastuosum (PRIDE OF MADEIRA)  
- *Attracts bees*  
Eriogonum spp. (BUCKWHEATS)  
- *Attracts syrphid flies, parasitic wasps, tachinid (parasitic) flies*  
Lavatera assurgentiflora (TREE MALLOW, ISLAND MALLOW, MISSION MALLOW)  
Lonicera spp. (HONEYSUCKLE)  
Mimulus [Diplacus] spp. (MONKEYFLOWER)  
Prunus ilicifolia (HOLLY LEAF CHERRY)  
Rhamnus californica (COFFEEBERRY)  
Ribes spp. (CURRANT AND GOOSEBERRY)  
Rosa californica (WILD ROSE)  
Rosmarinus officinalis (ROSEMARY)  
Salvia spp. (SAGE)

## Vines

Lonicera spp. (HONEYSUCKLE)

## Perennials

Achillea spp. (YARROW)  
- *Attracts lady beetles, parasitic wasps, syrphid flies, wasps*  
Agastache foeniculum (ANISE HYSSOP)  
- *Attracts syrphid flies, parasitic wasps*  
Angelica spp. (ANGELICA)  
- *Attracts lady beetles, lacewings*

Anthemis nobilis (CHAMOMILE)  
- *Attracts lady beetles*  
Anthemis tinctora (GOLDEN MARGUERITE)  
- *Attracts lady beetles, wasps, tachinid flies*  
Anthriscus cerefolium (CHERVIL)  
- *Attracts wasps*  
Aquilegia formosa (WESTERN COLUMBINE)  
Aster spp.  
Cephalaria gigantea (CEPHALARIA)  
- *Attracts syrphid flies, wasps*  
Chrysanthemum spp.  
Chrysanthemum parthenium (FEVERFEW)  
- *Attracts syrphid flies*  
Coreopsis spp. (COREOPSIS)  
- *Attracts syrphid flies, lady beetles, lacewings, parasitic wasps*  
Digitalis spp. (FOXGLOVE)  
Echinacea purpurea (PURPLE CONEFLOWER)  
Erigeron glaucus (BEACH ASTER, SEASIDE DAISY)  
Erigeron karvinskianus (SANTA BARBARA DAISY)  
Eriogonum spp. (BUCKWHEATS)  
- *Attracts syrphid flies, parasitic wasps, tachinid (parasitic) flies*  
Eschscholzia californica (CALIFORNIA POPPY)  
Grindelia stricta [G. arenicola] (PACIFIC GRINDELIA, GUMPLANT)  
Helianthus spp. (SUNFLOWER)  
- *Attracts syrphid flies, lady beetles, wasps*  
Heracleum lanatum (COW PARSNIP)  
Iberis umbellata (CANDYTUFT)  
- *Attracts syrphid flies*  
Levisticum officinale (LOVAGE)  
- *Attracts wasps*  
Liatrus pycnostachya (BLAZING STAR)  
- *Attracts bugs, wasps*  
Lychnis coronaria (ROSE CHAMPION, CROWN PINK, RUSTY MILLER)  
- *Attracts syrphid flies, parasitic wasps*  
Malva spp. (MALLOWS, CHEESEWEED)  
Mimulus [Diplacus] spp. (MONKEY FLOWER)  
Phacelia spp.  
Rudbeckia spp. (GLORIOSA DAISY, BLACK EYED SUSAN)  
Ruta graveolens (RUE)  
- *Attracts mud wasps, potter wasps, parasitic wasps*  
Salvia spp. (SAGES)  
Scabiosa spp. (PINCUSHION FLOWER)  
Solidago spp. (GOLDENROD)  
- *Attracts soldier beetles, bugs, lady beetles, wasps*  
Tanacetum vulgare (TANSY)  
- *Attracts lady beetles, lacewings, pirate bugs, syrphid flies, parasitic wasps*

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Umbellifers (FENNEL, ANGELICA, PARSLEY, CARROT, ETC.)

Verbena spp.

## Annuals

Agrostemma (CORN COCKLE)

- Attracts lady beetles, parasitic wasps

Ammi majus (BISHOP'S WEED, WHITE LACE FLOWER)

- Attracts parasitic wasps, pirate bugs, syrphid flies

Anethum graveolens (DILL)

- Attracts lady beetles, syrphid flies, wasps

Brassica (MUSTARD, BROCCOLI)

- Attracts syrphid flies, bugs

Calendula officinalis (POT MARIGOLD)

Castilleja exaserta

Coreopsis tinctoria (PLAINS COREOPSIS)

Coriandrum sativum (CORIANDER, CILANTRO)

- Attracts syrphid flies, wasps, tachinid flies, parasitic wasps, pirate bugs, lacewings

Cosmos spp.

- Attracts lady beetles, syrphid flies, lacewings, parasitic wasps, pirate bugs

Daucus carota (WILD CARROT)

- Attracts syrphid flies, bugs, lady beetles, lacewings, wasps

Digitalis spp. (FOXGLOVE)

Eriogonum spp. (BUCKWHEATS)

- Attracts syrphid flies, parasitic wasps, tachinid (parasitic) flies

Foeniculum vulgare (FENNEL)

- Attracts syrphid flies, lady beetles, lacewings, paper wasps, soldier bugs, syrphid flies, wasps, tachinid flies

Helianthus spp. (SUNFLOWER)

- Attracts syrphid flies, lady beetles, wasps

Layia platyglossa (TIDYTIPS)

- Attracts parasitic wasps, pirate bugs

Lobularia maritima (SWEET ALYSSUM)

- Attracts syrphid flies, lacewings, lady beetles, parasitic wasps, pirate bugs, tachinid flies

Mimulus [Diplacus] spp. (MONKEY FLOWER)

Nemophila (BABY BLUE EYES)

- Attracts parasitic wasps, pirate bugs

Pimpinella anisum (ANISE)

- Attracts wasps

Salvia spp. (SAGES)

Scabiosa spp. (PINCUSHION FLOWER)

Tagetes spp. (MARIGOLD

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- Attracts wasps

Tithonia rotundifolia (MEXICAN SUNFLOWER)

- Attracts syrphid flies

Trachymene coerulea (BLUE LACE)

- Attracts wasps

Trifolium (CLOVERS)

- Attracts lady beetles, parasitic wasps

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## Biennials

Carum carvi (CARAWAY)

- Attracts lacewings, bugs, syrphid flies, wasps

Oenothera elata hookeri (HOOKER'S EVENING PRIMROSE)

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