

Bringing In Un-BEE-lievable Beneficials



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HABITAT PLANTS IN ACTION

Alyssum in High Tunnel Tomatoes



Mixed Annual & Wildflower Strips in
Nursery & Garden Center Locations
(right & below)



Alyssum & Marigold Pots in
Greenhouse Ornamentals

GIVE THEM A TRY !

TELL US how they worked for YOU!

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BENEFICIAL INSECT VISITORS

HABITAT PLANTINGS attract pollinators and beneficial insects, providing pest management and pollination in greenhouses, high tunnels and nurseries. These plantings provide favorable habitats, such as food sources (nectar, pollen and attracted pests), sites for reproduction and shelter. Here are some common annual and native wildflowers that are attractive to several beneficial insects.

Marigold



Zinnia



Sweet Alyssum



Indian Blanket



Sunflower



Wild Cosmos



Borage



Plains Coreopsis



Blue Cornflower



Syrphid Maggot



Syrphid Adult



Lady Beetle Larva (above), Adult (below)



Syrphid/Hover fly larvae/maggots (above) and the adults and larvae of Soldier (below) and Lady (left) beetles consume a variety of soft-bodied pests. The adults are also important pollinators.

Soldier Beetle Adult (below)



Most of these beneficial insects prey on several pest species of aphids, thrips and small caterpillars. Attracting them into your growing area may help reduce the need for natural enemy purchases and chemical insecticide sprays.