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Certain beneficial insects prey on nasty bugs that chew ornamental and edible garden plants.

The garden helpers you'll want to attract:

Assassin bugs	Lacewings
Big-eyed bug	Syrphid flies (Hover flies)
Damsel bug	Tachinid flies
Dragonflies	Soldier bugs (Stink bugs)
Ground beetles	Wasps (Ichneumonid,
Braconid)	
Lady beetles (ladybugs)	

Plants which attract beneficial insects: (All flowers, especially the following:)

Alyssum	Fennel
Aster	Goldenrod
Black-eyed susan	Herbs
Blanket flower (Gaillardia)	Hyssop
Butterfly Weed	Lovage
Candytuft	Marigold
Caraway	Monarda
Clover	Mustard
Coneflower	Nasturtium
Coreopsis	Queen Anne's Lace
Coriander	Scabiosa
Cosmos	Sunflower
Daisy	Tansy
Dill	Yarrow

Water sources

Set up Birdbaths or shallow dishes of water here and there in the garden. Place sticks and rocks in the water so that insects have a place to perch while they drink. Change the water every two or three so mosquitoes won't breed.

To attract and maintain colonies of beneficial insects, minimize or avoid the use of chemicals in the garden.



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