

HABITAT PLANTS IN ACTION

Alyssum in High Tunnel Tomatoes



Mixed Annual & Wildflower Strips in Nursery & Home Gardens (above & below)



Alyssum & Marigold Pots in Greenhouse Ornamentals

GIVE THEM A TRY!
TELL US how they worked for YOU!

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Bringing In Un-BEE-lievable Beneficials



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

Marigold



Indian Blanket



Borage



Zinnia



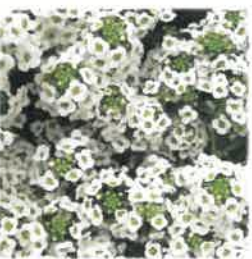
Sunflower



Plains Coreopsis



Sweet Alyssum



Wild Cosmos



Blue Cornflower



BENEFICIAL INSECT VISITORS

Syrphid Adult



Syrphid Maggot



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.

Lady Beetle Larva



(above), Adult (below)



Soldier Beetle Adult
(left & below)



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