

# Un-BEE-lievable Beneficials

We are assessing **HABITAT PLANTINGS** to attract pollinators & beneficial insects that provide pest management & pollination services in nurseries. These plantings provide favorable habitats, such as food (floral resources & attracted pests), sites for reproduction & shelter. On display here are some annuals known to be attractive.



Indian Blanket



Sweet Alyssum



Wild Cosmos



Blue Cornflower



Zinnia



Sunflower



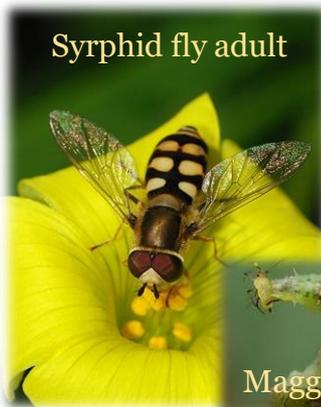
*Verbena bonariensis*



Plains Coreopsis



Royal Carpet Alyssum



Syrphid fly adult

Maggot



Soldier

Lady

## BENEFICIAL INSECT EXAMPLES



Lady Beetle Larva

Syrphid/Hover fly larvae (maggots) & the adults & larvae of beetles (such as the soldier & lady) consume a variety of soft bodied pests. The adult flies are also important pollinators.

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