



**Tomatoes:**  
Plant around asparagus to repel asparagus beetles.



**Borage:** Repels tomato worms.

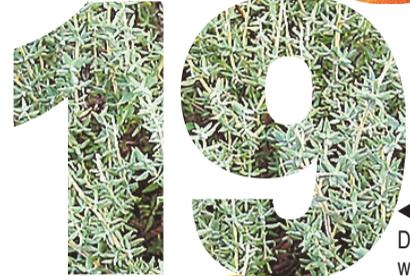
**Basil:** Repels aphids, flies, mosquitoes and mites; also has fungicidal properties. Plant around tomatoes to repel horn-worms.



**Catnip:** Repels ants, fleas, mosquitoes.



**Chamomile:** Repels cabbage moths.



**Thyme:** Deters cabbage worms and slugs.



**Tansy:** Repels ants.

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**Rue:** Repels Japanese beetles, flies, fleas and ants. Keep away from basil, though, because neither will grow if planted together. (Also repels cats and keeps them out of your garden.) ▶



**Chives:** Plant around roses and lettuce to repel aphids.



**Rosemary:** Deters cabbage moth, bean beetles and carrot fly.

**Feverfew:** ▶  
Repels moths.



## These plants ward off pests

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Sure, you can douse your plants with chemicals. But your wallet — and the environment — may suffer. And if we're talking about edibles, so might your health. Most plants produce their own chemicals to fend off insects and disease, and if you familiarize yourself with them, you can strategically use them to your advantage.

Here are 20 plants that deter pests:



**Lavender:** ▶  
Repels slugs.



**Radish:** Plant around cucumbers and squash to trap beetles.

**Marigolds:** Pests find their scent repulsive, so plant them throughout your vegetable garden. French and African varieties eliminate nematodes from the soil. ▶



**Petunia:** Repels aphids, leaf-hoppers, Mexican bean beetles.

**Mint:** Repels aphids, cabbage moths and cabbage worms. Plant in containers, though, or it will take over your garden. ▶



**Onion:** Repels ants. ▼

**Nasturtium:** Repels aphids and whiteflies. Plant around fruit trees, cucumbers and squash. ▼



**Pennyroyal:** Repels ants.

**Oregano:** Repels cucumber beetle. ▼

