

APPLE TREE GUILDS

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

The plants in a fruit tree guild each have an important role to play. Fruit tree guilds work best with a variety of plants to increase diversity. Aim for at least one plant from each category in your guild, but the more the merrier!

- **Suppressors** stop weeds and evaporation + protect your soil.
- **Attractors** attract beneficial insects for pollination.
- **Repellers** tend to be fragrant herbs and flowers that repel pests.
- **Mulchers** return nutrients to the soil through chop and drop.
- **Accumulators** have deep root systems and make minerals available for other, shallower-rooted plants.
- **Fixers** pull nitrogen from the air and make it available for other plants.

	Suppressor	Attractor	Repeller	Mulcher	Accumulator	Fixer	Food
Alfalfa	✓					✓	
Artichokes				✓	✓		✓
Beans						✓	✓
Borage				✓	✓		✓
Chicory				✓	✓		✓
Chives		✓	Aphids + Japanese Beetles				✓
Comfrey		✓		✓	✓		✓
Common Thyme		✓					✓
Coriander		✓	Aphids				✓
Creeping Thyme	✓	✓					✓
Daffodils	✓	✓	Squirrels				
Dandelion					✓		✓
Dill		✓					✓
Fennel		✓					✓
Garlic			Aphids				✓
Lavender		✓	Slugs				✓
Lemon Balm		✓	Aphids				✓
Lupine						✓	✓
Marigolds			Nematodes				✓
Mint	✓	✓	Ants				✓
Nasturtium			Aphids				✓
Parsley		✓			✓		✓
Rhubarb	✓			✓			✓
Sea Buckthorn						✓	✓
Squash Vining	✓						✓
Strawberry	✓						✓
Walking Onion	✓		Rabbits				✓
White Clover	✓					✓	
Yarrow		✓		✓	✓		✓