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Common Plants that Repel Mosquitoes and other Insects

1. Marigolds: African or French Variety. The strong pungent aroma is what makes them beneficial. They do well with lots of sun and well drained moderately fertile soil.
2. Catnip: This perennial herb is also a member of the mint family. Even though this is a plant that cats like, the oils in catnip work extremely well on repelling Japanese Beetles, mosquitoes, mice and a whole list of other insects.. Catnip will need to be pruned to make the most of the plant.
3. Lemon Thyme: easy to grow. All you need is a sunny spot and a little water now and then. Pruning is a must and can be a perennial in zone 5.
4. Sage: another herb that has the benefits of repelling some of our most annoying pests. It not only is known for repelling flies, but cabbage moths and black flea beetles. This perennial likes full sun with well drained soil. I can be grown in pots
5. Basil: even though Japanese beetles do like this plant, this herb is great for keeping away mosquitoes and flies. Basil can be grown in pots or in a garden. It prefers full sun in rich well drained soil.
6. Geraniums: easy to grow in the garden or in pots. From colorful flowers to citronella geranium, these plants might hold the key to controlling Japanese Beetles. Within 30 minutes of eating the petals of a geranium, beetles become paralyzed and usually die. Citronella Geraniums works on mosquitoes, cabbage worm, Japanese Beetles and other insects. Can be grown in pots or in the garden.
7. Rosemary: an aromatic herb used in culinary seasonings and herbal remedies. Repels fleas and mosquitoes. Grow in pots in full sun and well drained soil.
8. Lavender: a perennial that has many uses in aromatherapy, herbal remedies and repelling unwanted insects including spiders, ants and moths. As an herbal remedy it can alleviate the pain and itching associated with all types of insect bites including mosquitoes.
9. Four O'Clocks: an annual flower with colorful trumpet-shaped blooms. Highly fragrant and deadly to Japanese Beetles (flowers are poisonous to insects and also humans). Four O'Clocks are self-seeding and may become invasive if allowed to spread without any control.