

Top 15 Worst Garden Pests

Pest	Most Susceptible Crops	Best Organic Controls
Slug	Beans, cabbage-family crops, lettuce and other greens, strawberries, seedlings of all types	Copper strips, diatomaceous earth, handpicking, iron phosphate bait, poultry
Squash bug	Summer and winter squash	Good garden cleanup, handpicking, neem, poultry, row cover, vacuum
Aphid	Beans, cabbage-family crops, peas, potatoes, tomatoes	Beneficials, oil, soap, strong sprays of water
Cabbageworm	Cabbage-family crops	Bt, handpicking, row cover, spinosad
Squash vine borer	Summer and winter squash	Growing resistant varieties, row cover, Bt injections
Japanese beetle	Beans, grapes, raspberries	Birds, diatomaceous earth, handpicking, poultry, row cover, trap-cropping
Tomato hornworm	Peppers, tomatoes	Beneficials, Bt, handpicking
Cutworm	Cabbage-family crops, pepper and tomato seedlings	Birds, collars, diatomaceous earth
Grasshopper	Beans, cabbage-family crops, carrots, corn, lettuce, onions	Handpicking, poultry, row cover
Cucumber beetle	Cucumbers, melons, squash	Handpicking, neem, vacuum, yellow sticky traps
Corn earworm	Beans, corn, peppers, tomatoes	Bt, neem, vegetable oil
Whitefly	Eggplant, okra, peppers, sweet potatoes, tomatoes	Beneficials, horticultural oil, insecticidal soap, reflective mulches, sticky traps, vacuum
Flea beetle	Cabbage-family crops, eggplant	Cultivation, row cover, yellow sticky traps
Colorado potato beetle	Potatoes	Handpicking, neem, poultry
Leafhopper	Beans, beets, eggplant, lettuce, potatoes	Diatomaceous earth, insecticidal soap, row cover