

Underplanting your tree:

Underplanting your tree (inside the drip line) with plants will

Attract beneficial insects

Deter wildlife

Fertilize

Mulch

Repel pests

Supress grass

Comfrey The roots of this plant grow deep into the ground helping to pull nutrients and minerals from the soil. As it is a vigorous growing plant it competes against weeds. Freshly cut comfrey serves as rich nitrogen rich mulch. Once planted it is there for a long time.

Lupine A member of the Legume family which fixes nitrogen in the soil. The beautiful bloom attract butterflies. Other legumes such as peas or beans can provide the same result.

Nasturtiums Help to discourage codling moths which apple trees suffer from. Hyssop is an attractive herb with a bitter aroma that discourages pests It makes a good companion for all types of fruit.

Chives Produce pretty blooms that attracts bee and pollinators, but their onion like smell keep pests at bay

Garlic provides the same benefits as Chives

Echinea a cousin of the daisy plant. Their long taproots loosen the soil and make deep nutrients and moisture more available to the tree.

Fennel A herb that attracts parasitic wasps ,who in turn help control a number of pests.

Marigolds They attract pollinators . they discourage nematodes in the soil and a variety of other pests above the soil .

Lavender Has a beautiful aroma which often confuses pest who pass by. An attractor to pollinators

Rosemary has a similar effect as Lavender.

Daffodils or Garlic will repel deer and other wildlife , repel fruit tree borers and stop grass from creeping under the tree

Oregano an aromatic pest confuser, similar to Lavender