

Plant Families Frequently Used by Floral Designers (GRIN Taxonomy)

Examples only; Not inclusive Revised January 2010

Legend: **Family** (Common name of family)

Genus (Common Name) (also sometimes placed in this family)

Acanthaceae (Acanthus)

Acanthus (Bear's Breeches)

Barleria (Philippine Violet)

Hypoestes (Polka Dot Plant)

Justicia brandegeana (Shrimp Plant)

Strobilanthes (Persian Shield)

Aceraceae (Maple)

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Adoxaceae (Moschatel)

Sambucus (Caprifoliaceae, Sambucaceae)

Viburnum (Caprifoliaceae, Viburnaceae)

Agavaceae (Agave)

Agave (Century Plant)

Chlorophytum (Airplane Plant, Spider Plant) (Anthericaceae, Liliaceae)

Cordylone (Laxmanniaceae, Asteliaceae, Lomandraceae)

Hosta (Liliaceae, Hostaceae)

Polianthes (Tuberose)

Yucca (Anthericaceae, Liliaceae)

Alliaceae (Onion)

Allium (Onion, Leek, Garlic) (Liliaceae)

Tulbaghia violacea (Society Garlic) (Liliaceae)

Amaranthaceae (Amaranth)

Alternanthera (Chenopodiaceae)

Amaranthus (Amaranth) (Chenopodiaceae)

Beta vulgaris (Beet) (Chenopodiaceae)

Celosia (Chenopodiaceae)

Gomphrena globosa (Chenopodiaceae)

Amaryllidaceae (Amaryllis)

Clivia miniata (Kafir Lily) (Liliaceae)

Crinum (Crinum Lily) (Liliaceae)

Galanthus (Snowdrop) (Liliaceae)

Hippeastrum (Amaryllis) (Liliaceae)

Leucojum (Snowflake) (Liliaceae)

Narcissus (Daffodil) (Liliaceae)

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Apiaceae (syn. *Umbelliferae*) (Parsley)

Anethum (Dill)

Angelica

Carum (Caraway)

Coriandrum (Coriander)

Daucus carota (Queen Anne's Lace, Carrot)

Eryngium (Sea Holly)

Foeniculum (Fennel)

Petroselinum crispum (Parsley)

Apocynaceae (Dogbane)

Asclepias (Butterfly Weed) (Asclepiadaceae)

Catharanthus (Vinca, Periwinkle)

Nerium oleander (Oleander)

Plumeria hybrids (Frangipani)

Aquifoliaceae (Holly)

Ilex (Holly)

Araceae (Arum)

Aglaonema (Chinese Evergreen)

Anthurium

Arisaema (Jack-in-the-Pulpit)

Caladium and hybrids

Dieffenbachia

Epipremnum (Pothos)

Monstera deliciosa (Swiss Cheese Plant)

Philodendron (Philodendron)

Spathiphyllum (Peace Lily)

Zantedeschia (Calla Lily)

Araliaceae (Aralia or Ivy)

Fatsia japonica (Fatsia)

Hedera (Ivy)

Schefflera (Umbrella Plant)

Arecaceae (syn. *Palmae*) (Palm)

Caryota (Fishtail Palm)

Chamaedorea elegans (Parlor Palm)

Cocos (Coconut Palm)

Howea forsteriana (Sentry Palm)

Phoenix (Date Palm)

Sabal palmetto (Sabal Palm)

Asparagaceae (Asparagus)

Asparagus densiflorus 'Meyeri' (Liliaceae)

Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri' (Liliaceae)

Asphodelaceae

Aloe (*Aloaceae*)

Bulbine (*Liliaceae*)

Kniphofia (*Liliaceae*)

Asteraceae (Aster)

Artemisia

Aster

Calendula

Centaurea

Chrysanthemum (Mum)

Coreopsis

Cosmos

Dahlia

Echinacea (Purple Coneflower)

Echinops (Globe Thistle)

Eutrochium purpureum (syn. *Eupatorium*) (Joe Pye Weed)

Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)

Gerbera hybrida (Gerbera Daisy)

Helianthus (Sunflower)

Helichrysum (Strawflower)

Heliopsis (False Sunflower)

Liatris (Gayfeather)

Osteospermum (African Daisy)

Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan)

Stokesia (Stoke's Aster)

Tagetes (Marigold)

Tithonia (Mexican Sunflower)

Zinnia

Begoniaceae (Begonia)

Begonia

Betulaceae (Birch)

Alnus (Alder)

Betula (Birch)

Corylus (Alder)

Brassicaceae (syn. *Cruciferae*) (mustard)

Brassica (Cabbage, Kale)

Iberis (Candytuft)

Lobularia (Sweet Alyssum)

Lunaria annua (Money Plant)

Matthiola incana (Stock)

Boraginaceae (Borage)

Mertensia (Virginia Bluebells)

Bromeliaceae (Bromeliad)

Aechmea

Ananas comosus (Pineapple)

Billbergia

Tillandsia usenoides (Spanish Moss)

Buxaceae (Box)

Buxus (Boxwood)

Pachysandra

Cactaceae (Cactus)

Cereus

Opuntia

Pereskia

Rhipsalis

Campanulaceae (Bellflower)

Campanula (Bellflower)

Platycodon grandiflorus (Balloon Flower)

Caryophyllaceae (Carnation)

Dianthus caryophyllus (Carnation)

Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)

Celastraceae (Bittersweet)

Celastrus (Bittersweet)

Euonymus

Crassulaceae (Stonecrop)

Echeveria (Hens and Chicks)

Sedum (Stonecrop)

Sempervivum

Cupressaceae (Cypress)

Chamaecyparis (Cypress)

Taxodium disticum (Bald Cypress)

Cyperaceae (Sedge)

Carex (Japanese Sedge)

Cyperus involucratus (Umbrella Sedge)

Cyperus papyrus (Papyrus)

Ericaceae (Azalea)

Kalmia

Pieris

Rhododendron

Euphorbiaceae (Euphorbia)

Codiaeum variegatum (Croton)

Euphorbia milii (Crown of Thorns)

Euphorbia pulcherrima (Poinsettia)

Fabaceae (syn. *Leguminosae*) (Pea or Bean)

Albizia julibrissin (Mimosa)
Baptisia (*Papilionaceae*)
Cytisus scoparius (Scotch Broom)
Gleditsia (Honeylocust)
Lathyrus odoratus (Sweet Pea)
Phaseolus (Bean)
Wisteria

Fumariaceae (Fumitory)

Dicentra

Hamamelidaceae (Witch-hazel)

Liquidambar (Sweet Gum)

Heliconiaceae (Heliconia)

Heliconia (*Strelitziaceae*)

Hemerocallidaceae (Daylily)

Hemerocallis (Daylily) *Liliaceae*

Hydrangeaceae (Hydrangea)

Deutzia (*Philadelphaceae*)
Hydrangea (Hydrangea)
Philadelphus (Mock Orange) (*Philadelphaceae*)

Iridaceae (Iris)

Belamcanda (Blackberry Lily)
Crocasmia
Crocus
Dietes (Moraea)
Freesia
Iris
Gladiolus

Lamiaceae (syn. *Labiatae*) (Mint)

Lavendula (Lavender)
Mentha (Mint)
Moluccella laevis (Bells of Ireland)
Monarda (Bee Balm)
Ocimum (Basil)
Perovskia (Russian Sage)
Physostegia (Obedient Plant)
Salvia
Solenostemon (Coleus)
Stachys (Lamb's Ear)

Liliaceae (Lily)

Asparagus (*Asparagaceae*)
Aspidistra (*Ruscaceae*, *Convallariaceae*)
Kniphofia (Red Hot Poker) *Asphodelaceae*

Lilium (Lily)

Tulipa (Tulip)

Magnoliaceae (Magnolia)

Liriodendron (Tuliptree)

Magnolia

Magnolia figo (syn. *Michelia figo*) (Banana Shrub)

Malvaceae (Malva)

Althaea (Althea)

Gossypium (Cotton)

Hibiscus (Hibiscus)

Musaceae (Banana)

Ensete (False Banana)

Musa (Banana)

Myrtaceae (Myrtle)

Callistemon (Bottlebrush)

Eucalyptus

Melaleuca

Nyctaginaceae (Four O'Clock)

Bougainvillea spectabilis

Mirabilis jalapa (Four O'Clock)

Oleaceae (Olive)

Chionanthus (Fringe Tree)

Forsythia

Ligustrum (Privet)

Osmanthus

Syringa (Lilac)

Orchidaceae (Orchid)

Cattleya

Dendrobium

Pandanaceae (Screwpine)

Pandanus utilis (Screwpine)

Papaveraceae (Poppy)

Eschscholzia (California Poppy)

Papaver (Poppy)

Pinaceae (Pine)

Abies (Fir) (*Abietaceae*)

Cedrus (Cedar) (*Abietaceae*)

Picea (Spruce)

Pinus (Pine)

Tsuga (Hemlock) (*Abietaceae*)

Pittosporaceae (Pittosporum)

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- Plantaginaceae** (Plantain)
Antirrhinum (Scrophulariaceae Veronicaceae)
Digitalis (Scrophulariaceae Veronicaceae)
- Plumbaginaceae** (Plumbago)
Limonium sinatum (Statice)
Plumbago auriculata (Blue Plumbago)
- Poaceae** (syn. *Graminae*) (Grass)
Bambusa (Bamboo)
Chasmanthium (Northern Sea Oats)
Cortaderia (Pampas Grass)
Miscanthus (Japanese Silver Grass)
Panicum (Switchgrass)
Triticum (Wheat)
Zea (Corn)
- Polemoniaceae** (Phlox)
Phlox
Polemonium (Jacob's Ladder)
- Primulaceae** (Primula)
Cyclamen (Myrsinaceae)
Primula
- Proteaceae** (Banksia)
Banksia
Protea
- Pteridaceae** (Brake)
Adiantum (Maidenhair Fern)
Pteris (Brake Fern)
- Ranunculaceae** (Buttercup)
Anemone
Aquilegia (Columbine)
Clematis
Consolida (Larkspur)
Delphinium
Helleborus xhybridus (Lenten Rose)
Ranunculus
- Rosaceae** (Rose)
Amelanchier
Chaenomeles (Quince)
Cotoneaster
Crataegus (Hawthorn)
Eriobotrya (Loquat)
Fragaria (Strawberry)
Kerria japonica (Japanese Rose)
Malus (Apple)

- Potentilla*
Prunus (Plums, Cherries, Peaches, Almond)
Pyracantha (Firethorn)
Pyrus (Pear)
Rubus (Raspberry, Blackberry)
Spiraea
- Rubiaceae** (Madder)
Gardenia
Hamelia (Firebush)
Ixora
Pentas (Starflower)
- Ruscaceae** (Lily of the Valley)
Aspidistra (Liliaceae, Convallariaceae)
Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)
Dracaena (Dracaenaceae, Agavaceae)
Liriope (Liliaceae, Convallariaceae)
Sansevieria (Agavaceae, Dracaenaceae)
- Rutaceae** (Citrus)
Citrus (Oranges, Lemons, etc.)
Coleonema (Breath of Spring, Diosma)
- Salicaceae** (Willow)
Populus (Poplar, Cottonwood, Aspen)
Salix discolor (Pussy Willow)
Salix matsudana 'Tortuosa' (Curly Willow)
- Sarraceniaceae** (Pitcher Plant)
Sarracenia
- Saxifragaceae** (Saxifrage)
Astilbe (False Spiraea)
Heuchera (Coral Bells)
Tiarella (Foamflower)
- Scrophulariaceae** (Figwort)
Buddleja (Buddlejaceae, Loganiaceae)
Verbascum (Mullein)
- Solanaceae** (Nightshade)
Brugmansia (Angel's Trumpet)
Capsicum annuum (Pepper)
Nicotiana xhybrida (Flowering Tobacco)
Petunia xhybrida (Petunia)
Solanum (Potato, Eggplant, Tomato)
- Strelitziaceae** (Crane Flower)
Ravenala madagascariensis
 (Traveler's Palm)
Strelitzia reginae (Bird of Paradise)

Taxaceae (Yew)

Taxus (Yew)

Theaceae (Tea)

Camellia

Gordonia lisianthus (Loblolly Bay)

Violaceae (Viola)

Viola

Pansy

Zingiberaceae (Ginger)

Alpinia (Shell Ginger)

Zingiber (Ginger)

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