

Plant Families Frequently Used by Floral Designers (GRIN Taxonomy)

Examples only; Not inclusive

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)
Acer (Maple)
- Adoxaceae** (Moschatel)
Sambucus (Caprifoliaceae,
Sambucaceae)
Viburnum (Caprifoliaceae, Viburnaceae)
- Agavaceae** (Agave)
Agave (Century Plant)
Chlorophytum (Airplane Plant, Spider Plant) (Anthericaceae, Liliaceae)
Cordyline (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)
- 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 (Fish-tail 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)
Pittosporum
- 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 (*Myrcinaceae*)
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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