

Flower Meanings

[Genus species] (other common names)

Agrimony [Agrimonia eupatoria] --thankfulness, gratitude

Allspice [Calycanthus] --benevolence

Aloe --sorrow

Allyssum, Sweet [Lobularia] --worth beyond beauty

Amaryllis --splendid beauty, pride

Amaryllis belladonna --silence

Anemone --expectation

Arborvitae [Thuja] --unchanging friendship

Arbutus, Trailing [Epigaea repens] (ground laurel) --rumors of love

Artemisia --happiness, good luck, tranquility

Asphodel [Asphodelus aestivus] --regret

Aster --charming, patience

Giving asters means, "I am not sure whether you have been faithful to me." Be careful to whom you send asters!

White Asters --afterthought

Michaelmas Daisy [Aster novi-belgii] --farewell

Azalea [Rhododendron] --romance

Baby Blue Eyes [Nemophila] --success everywhere

Bachelor Buttons [Centaria cyanus] (Cornflower) --delicacy

Bay [Laurus nobilis] --no change till death

Bellflower [Campanula] (Canterbury bells) --gratitude

Harebell [Campanula rotundifolia] --grief, pain

Bells of Ireland [Molucella laevis] --good luck, whimsy

Betony [Stachys officinalis] --surprise

Black Bryony [Tamus communis] --be my support

Bluets [Hedyotis] --content

Broom [Cytisus] --humility

Butterfly Weed [Asclepias tuberosa] --let me go



Agrimony



Baby Blue Eyes

Cactus [Mammillaria] --warmth

Camellia [Camellia japonica] --perfect loveliness, pity

Campion [Silene] --youthful love

Cardinal Flower [Lobelia cardinalis] --distinction

Carnation [Dianthus] -- fascination, devoted love, woman's love

red carnation --My heart aches for you

white carnation --I am still available

Cedar [Cedrus] --constancy in love, think of me

Centaur [Centaureum] --felicity, self determination

Chamomile [Chamaemelum nobile] --energy in adversity

Cherry blossom [Prunus] --spiritual beauty

Cherry Laurel [Prunus lusitanica] --perseverance

Chervil [Anthriscus cerefolium] --sincerity

Chicory [Cichorium] --frugality

Christmas Rose [Helleborus niger] (hellebore) --relieve my anxiety

Chrysanthemum --innocence, cheerfulness and loyal love.

Bronze --trust me

Red --in love

White --truth

Cinnamon [Cinnamomum] --forgiveness of injuries

Clematis --safety, filial love

Clover, White [Trifolium] --think of me

Columbine [Aquilegia]

Purple --resolved to win

Red --anxious and trembling

Convovulus (morning glory) --bonds, affection

Coriander [Coriandrum sativum] (cilantro) --hidden worth

Cranberry [Vaccinium macrocarpon] --cure for heartache

Crocus --cheerfulness, youthful gladness

Saffron Crocus [Crocus sativus] --mirth

Crown Vetch [Coronilla] --success to you



*Star Campion,
Silene stellata*



Centaury



Chervil

Cowslip [primula veris] --pensiveness

Cuckoo Flower [Cardamine pratensis] --ardor, paternal error

Cyclamen --diffidence

Daffodil [Narcissus] --regard, self love, egotism

Jonquil [Narcissus jonquilla] --desire

Daisy [Bellis] --innocence

Double [Bellis perennis] --enjoyment

Dahlia --dignity, elegance, forever thine

Dandelion [Taraxacum] --lover's oracle

Dittany, White [Dictamnus albus] --passion

Dittany of Crete [Origanum dictamnus] --birth

Dogwood [Cornus florida] --durability

Elecampane [Inula helenium] --tears

Fern --fascination

Fig [Ficus] --longevity

Foxglove [Digitalis] --occupation, wish

Fritillaria (Crown Imperial) [Fritillaria imperialis] --power, pride of birth

Fuchsia --taste, humble love

Gardenia --ecstasy

Gentian [Gentiana] --integrity

Geranium [Pelargonium]

Ivy [peltatum] --bridal favor

Oak-leaved [quercifolium] --true friendship

Scarlet --comfort

Goat's Rue [Galega] --reason

Golden Chain Tree [Laburnum] --pensive beauty

Hazel [Corylus] --reconciliation

Heather [Calluna] --solitude

White --good luck

Heliotrope [Heliotropium arborescens] --infatuation, adoration, devotion



Cuckoo Flower



Dittany of Crete



Gentiana quinquefolia



Heliotrope

Hemp [Cannabis sativa] (marijuana) --fate

Laburnum --pensive beauty

Hepatica --confidence

Hibiscus --delicate beauty

Holly [Ilex] --domestic happiness

Hollyhock [Alcea rosea] --consumed by love, ambition

Honesty [Lunaria] --sincerity, honesty

Honeysuckle [Lonicera] --fidelity, the bond of love

Honeysuckle, French [Hedysarum coronarium] --rustic beauty

Hyacinth [Hyacinthus] --constancy, sport and play, benevolence

White --unobtrusive loveliness

Hydrangea --heartlessness

Impatiens --impatience

Iris (Fleur-de-Lis) --faith, hope, wisdom

Ivy [Hedera] --matrimony

Jasmine, Spanish [Jasminium grandiflorum] --sensuality

Juniper [Juniperus] --protection

Larkspur, Pink [Consolida] (sometimes called Delphinium) --lightness

Lavender [Lavandula] --love and devotion

Lemon [Citrus limon] --zest

Lilac, Purple [Syringa] --first emotions of love, fraternal love, memory

White --youth

Lilies [Lilium] --chastity, virtue, purity, faith, modesty

Calla lilies [Zantedeschia] --sophistication, beauty, delicacy

Daylily [Hemerocallis] --coquetry

Peruvian lilies [Alstromeria] --friendship, devotion

Tiger Lily [Lilium lancifolium] --gaiety

Lily of the Valley [Convallaria majalis] --return of happiness

Linden Tree [Tilia] --matrimony

Lisianthus (Prairie Gentian, Prairie Rose or Texas Bluebell) --outgoing, thoughts

Locust [Robinia pseudoacacia] --love beyond the grave



Hepatica



Lisianthus

Lotus [Nelumbo] --estranged love, forgetful of the past

Lupine [Lupinus] --imagination

Magnolia --love of nature

Mallow [Malva] --good and kind, consumed by love, sweetness

Maple [Acer] --reserve

Marigold [[Tagetes patula] --jealousy

Marjoram [Origanum] --blushes

Meadow Saffron [Colchicum autumnale] --growing old

Milkweed [Asclepias] --heartache cure

Mimosa [Acacia] --modesty, delicate feelings

Mistletoe [Viscum album] --obstacles to overcome

Moss -maternal love

Motherwort [Leonurus cardiaca] --secret love

Mountain Ash [Sorbus aucuparia] --I watch over you

Mulberry, white [Morus] --wisdom

Myrtle [Myrtus] --love

Nasturtium [Tropaeolum] --patriotism

Nettle [Urtica dioica] --unity

Oak [Quercus] --hospitality, bravery

Oleander [Nerium oleander] --beware

Olive [Olea europaea] --peace

Orchid [Orchis] --love, fertility, seduction, preciousness, a belle

Bee Orchid [Ophrys apifera] --industry

Oxalis (sorrel) --parental affection

Pansy [Viola wittrockiana]

Purple --you occupy my thoughts

Yellow --think of me

Parsley [Petroselinum] --festivity

Passionflower [Passiflora] --belief

Peony [Paeonia] --happy marriage, bashfulness and diffidence

Peppermint [Mentha piperita] --warm feelings, cure, relief



Meadow Saffron



Myrtle



Bee Orchid

Periwinkle [Vinca] --pleasant recollection

Phlox --united hearts

Pincushion Flower [Scabiosa] --unfortunate love

Pimpernel [Anagallis] --change

Pine [Pinus] --pity, endurance, time and faith

Planetree maple [Acer pseudoplatanus] --curiosity

Plum Tree [Prunus domestica] --faithful until death

Wild Plum [Prunus americana] --independence

Potentilla --beloved child, maternal affection

Poplar, Black [Populus nigra] --courage, daring, affliction

Poppy [Papaver] --consolation

White Poppy --sleep of the heart

Primrose [Primula] --diffidence, early youth

Red --unpatronized merit

Ranunculus (buttercup) --radiant with charms, memories of childhood, childishness

Rhubarb [Rheum cultorum] --advice

Roses [Rosa]

Although there is a huge number of meanings and symbols associated with roses, the most common of course is love, which originated in Greek mythology. When Aphrodite cried about the death of her lover Adonis, she had red "Adonis Roses" grown with his blood, - thus red roses are the symbol of never-ending love. Important to mention are the roses' thorns, of which we all probably have some painful memory. Symbolically, love can be painful and full of suffering when not treated carefully.

Blush roses: if you love me, you will find it out

Cabbage rose: ambassador of love

Moss Rose [Rosa centifolia] --voluptuousness

Orange roses: fascinated, enthusiastic

Pink roses: grace, gentility

Red roses: I love you, unconscious beauty

Rosebud: youth

White roses: spiritual love, purity, I am worthy of you, silence



Pimpernel



Ranunculus



Moss Rose bud

Yellow roses: joy, gladness, jealousy

Rosemary [Rosmarinus officinalis] --remembrance

Sage [Salvia] --esteem

Shamrock [Trifolium repens] --lightheartedness

Shrimp plant [Justicia] --perfection of female loveliness

Snapdragons [Antirrhinum majus] (gracious lady) --deception, desire, strength

Snowball Bush [Viburnum opulus] (Cramp Bark, European Cranberry Bush) --age

Snowdrop [Galanthus] --a friend in adversity, consolation

Spearmint [Mentha spicata] --warm feelings

Star of Bethlehem [Ornithogalum] --guidance, purity

Stock [Matthiola] --lasting beauty

Stonecrop [Sedum] --tranquility

Sunflower [Helianthus] --adoration, sunshine

Sweet Briar [Rosa eglanteria] --poetry, sympathy

Sweet Cicely [Myrrhis odorata] --gladness, mirth

Sweet Pea [Lathyrus odoratus] --departure

Tuberose [Polyanthus tuberosa] --dangerous pleasures

Tulips [Tulipa] --perfect lover, fame

Red --declaration of love

Variegated --beautiful eyes

Verbena, Pink --family union

Violet [Viola] --modesty

Willow [Salix] --freedom

Wormwood [Artemisia absinthium] --absence

Zinnia --absent friends



Shrimp Plant



Sweet Briar