

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)

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Adoxaceae (Moschatel)

Sambucus (Caprifoliaceae, Sambucaceae)
Viburnum (Caprifoliaceae, Viburnaceae)

Agavaceae (Agave)

Agave (Century Plant)
Chlorophytum (Airplane Plant, Spider Plant) (Anthericaceae, Liliaceae)
Cordylina (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 (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)

Crocsmia

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 ×hybridus (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 ×hybrida (Flowering Tobacco)
Petunia ×hybrida (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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