

A

Acacia - Secret love; chaste love; beauty in retirement; elegance; friendship; hope
Acanthus - Art or artistic; the fine arts; artifice
Achillea millefolia - War
Aconite (Wolf's Bane) - Misanthropy
Acorn - Nordic symbol of life and immortality
Agapanthus - Love letters
Agnus castus - Coldness; indifference
Allspice - Compassion
Almond Blossom - Hope; lover's charm
Aloe - Grief
Alstroemeria - Devotion; friendship
Alyssum - Worth beyond beauty
Ambrosia - Love reciprocated
Amaranth - Fidelity
Amaranth, Globe - Unchangeable; immortality; unchanging love
Amaryllis - Pride; Timidity; splendid beauty, Pastoral poetry
Anemone - Unfading love; truth; sincerity; anticipation; forsaken; fading hope
Angelica - Inspiration
Aniseed - Restoration of youth
Apple blossom - Preference; good fortune
Arbor Vitae - True friendship
Arbutus - Thee only do I love
Artemisia - Dignity
Asphodel - My regrets follow you to the grave
Aster - Symbol of Love; daintiness
Azalea - Take care of yourself for me; fragile passion; temperance; Chinese symbol of womanhood

B

Bachelor's Buttons - Celibacy; single blessedness; hope in love
Baby's Breath - Everlasting love; happiness; pure in heart
Balm - Sympathy
Balsam - Ardent love
Basil - Best Wishes; love; hatred
Bay Leaf - Strength; I change but in death
Bear's Breeches - Art or artistic; the fine arts; artifice
Begonia - Beware
Betony - Surprise

Bells Of Ireland - Good luck
Bilberry - Treachery
Bells of Ireland - Good luck
Bird of Paradise - Magnificence
Bittersweet - Truth
Black Bryont/Lady's Seal - Be my support
Bluebell - Humility; constancy
Borage - Courage; bluntness
Bouquet of withered flowers - Rejected love
Broom - Humility; neatness
Buck Bean - Calm repose
Bulrush - Indiscretion; docility
Burnet - A merry heart
Buttercup - Cheerfulness; ingratitude; childishness; desire for riches

C

Cactus - Endurance; warmth; grandeur
Calendula - Joy
Calla lily - Magnificent beauty
Calycanthus/carolina allspice/sweet shrub - Benevolence
Camellia - Admiration; perfection; good luck gift to a man; loveliness
Camellia (Pink) - Longing for you
Camellia (Red) - You're a flame in my heart
Camellia (White) - You're adorable
Camomile - Energy in adversity
Candytuft - Indifference
Canterbury bells/bell flower - Gratitude
Cardinal flower/scarlet lobelia - Distinction
Carnation (in general) Bonds of affection; health and energy; fascination; alas for my poor heart
Carnation (pink) - I'll never forget you, women's love
Carnation (purple) - Capriciousness; whimsical; changeable
Carnation (red) - My heart aches for you; admiration
Carnation (deep red) - Alas! For my poor heart
Carnation (purple) - Capriciousness
Carnation (solid colour) -Yes
Carnation (striped)- No; refusal; sorry I can't be with you; wish I could be with you
Carnation (white) -Sweet and lovely; innocence; pure love; woman's good luck gift
Carnation (yellow) - You have disappointed me; Rejection; disdain
Catchfly (red) - Youthful love, I fall victim
Cattail - Peace; prosperity
Cattleya - Mature charms
Cedar - I live for thee; think of me
Celandine - Joys to come
Chamomile - Patience; attracts wealth, energy in action

Cherry Blossom (single) - Education
Chickweed - I cling to thee
Chicory - Frugality
Christmas Rose/Helleborus - Relieve my anxiety
Chrysanthemum (in general) - Cheerfulness; You're a wonderful friend, abundance and wealth
Chrysanthemum (red) - I love
Chrysanthemum (white) - Truth
Chrysanthemum (yellow) - Slighted love
Cinquefoil - Beloved child
Clematis - Artifice (ingenuity)
Cinnamon - My fortune is yours
Clover (four-leaf) - Good luck; be mine
Clover (white) - Think of me
Clover (red) - Industry
Colchicum (meadow saffron) - My best days fled
Columbine - Folly
Columbine (purple) - Resolved to win
Columbine (red) - Anxious
Compass Flower - Faith
Convolvus minor/bindweed - Uncertainty
Corchorus - Impatience of happiness
Coreopsis - Always cheerful
Corn - Riches
Cornflower - Delicacy; refinement
Coriander - Lust
Coronilla/Crown vetch - Success to you
Cowslip - Pensiveness; winning grace
Coxcomb - Foppery, unfading love
Crocus - Cheerfulness; abuse not; joy
Crown Imperial - Majesty; power
Cyclamen - Resignation and goodbye; diffidence

D

Daffodil - Respect; regard; unrequited love; the sun shines when I'm with you
Daffodil (yellow) - Chivalry
Dahlia - Good taste; instability, forever thine
Daisy - Innocence; loyal love; purity; faith; cheer; simplicity
Daisy (red) - Beauty unknown to possessor
Dandelion - Wishes come true; faithfulness; happiness; rustic oracle
Daphne cneorum/rose daphne - I desire to please
Daphne odora - Painting the lily, I would not have you otherwise
Dead Leaves - Sadness
Delphinium - Airy, big-hearted, fun
Dill - Lust

Diosma - Your simple elegance charms me
Dog Rose - Pleasure and pain
Dogwood - Durability
Dogwood (flowering) - Am i indifferent to you?
Dragon root/green dragon (arum draconium) - Ardor
Dracaena/Dragon's Blood/Dragon Lily - Inner power

E

Edelweiss - Daring; noble courage
Eglantine - Poetry; I wound to heal
Elder - Zealousness
Elm - Dignity
Elder Flower - Zeal
Endine - Frugality
Epigaea, repens/Mayflower/trailing arbutus - Budding
Eremurus - Endurance
Eucalyptus - Protection
Eupatorium - Delay
Euphorbia - Persistence
Everlasting - Never ceasing memory

F

Fennel - Worthy of all praise; strength
Fern - Sincerity
Fern (Magic) - Fascination; confidence and shelter
Fern (Maidenhair) - Secret bond of love
Fern (royal) - Reverie
Feverfew - Protection
Fig - Argument
Fir - Time
Filbert - Reconciliation
Flax - Domestic symbol; fate; I feel your kindness
Flora's Bell - Without pretension
Flowering Reed - Confide in heaven
Forget-me-not - True love; memories; forget me not
Forsythia - Anticipation
Foxglove - Insincerity
Foxtail Grass - Sporting
Fraxinella/cultivated dittany/gas plant - Fire
Freesia - Innocence, trust
Fuchsia - Good taste
Fuchsia (scarlet) - Confiding love, taste

Fuller's Teasel - Misanthropy
Furze - Love for all occasions

G

Gardenia - You're lovely; secret love; refinement; joy
Garland of roses - Reward of virtue
Garlic - Courage; strength, get well, ward off evil & illness
Gentian (fringed) - Intrinsic worth, i look to heaven, autumn
Gentian (closed) - Sweet be thy dreams
Geranium - true friend, stupidity, folly
Geranium (apple) - present preference
Geranium (ivy) - your hand for next dance
Geranium (lemon) - unexpected meeting
Geranium (nutmeg) - i expect a meeting
Geranium (penciled) - ingenuity
Geranium (scarlet) - consolation, melancholy
Geranium (silver-leaf) - Recall
Geranium (Oak leafed) - Friendship
Geranium (Rose) - Preference
Geranium (Scented) - Preference, melancholy; stupidity; folly
Gerbera - Innocence
Gillyflower - Bonds of affection
Ginger - Strength
Gladiolus - Love at first sight; ready-armed; strength of character; generosity
Globe Amaranth - Unfading love
Gloxinia - Love at first sight
Golden Rod - Precaution
Gooseberry - Anticipation
Goosefoot - Goodness
Gorse - Endearing affection
Grass - Submission; utility, homosexual love
Guelder Rose - winters; age

H

Harebell/Campanula - Humility, grief
Hawthorn - Hope
Hazel - Reconciliation
Heart's easr/purple/Johnny jump up - You occupy my thoughts
Hepatica (Anemone nobilis) - Confidence
Heather (lavender) - Admiration; solitude
Heather (pink) - Good luck

Heather (white) - Protection; wishes will come true; good luck
Helenium - Tears
Heliotrope - Devotion; eternal love; faithfulness
Hemlock - You will be my death
Henbane - For males to attract love from females
Hibiscus - Consumed by love, delicate beauty
Holly - Good will; defense; domestic happiness; foresight
Hollyhock - Female ambition; fecundity, fruitfulness
Hollyhock (white) - Female ambition
Honesty/lunaria/Dollar plant/Money plant - sincerity, Honesty; fascination
Honeyflower - Sweet, secret love, generous affection, sweetness of disposition
Honeysuckle - The bond of love, generous and devoted affection; sweetness of disposition
Honeysuckle (coral) - I love you
Hop - Injustice
Houstonia/bluet/Quaker ladies - Content
Hoya/Wax plant - Sculpture
Huckleberry - Faith, simple pleasures
Hyacinth (general) - Rashness, sorrow, flower dedicated to Apollo, games & sports
Hyacinth (blue) - Constancy
Hyacinth (purple) - I'm sorry; please forgive me; sorrow
Hyacinth (red or pink) - Play
Hyacinth (white) - Loveliness; I'll pray for you
Hyacinth (yellow) - Jealousy
Hydrangea - Thank you for understanding; frigidity; heartlessness; vanity
Hyssop - Wards away evil spirits; cleanliness

I

Ice plant - Your looks freeze me
Indian Cress/Nasturtium - Resignation
Ipomaea - I attach myself to you
Iris - Faith; hope; wisdom and valour; my compliments; eloquence; message
Iris (yellow) - Passion
Iris (German) - Flame
Ivy - Fidelity; friendship; affection; marriage
Ivy (sprig of white tendrils)- Anxious to please, affection

J

Jasmine - Amiability; wealth; grace and elegance
Japonica - Sincerity, symbol of love
Jerusalem Oak - Your love is reciprocated
Jasmine (Indian) - Attachment
Jasmine (Spanish) - Sensuality

Jasmine (yellow) - Modesty, grace, elegance
Jasmine (white) - Amiability
Jonquil - Love me; affection returned; desire; sympathy
Judas Tree - Unbelief; betrayal
Juniper - Protection; succour
Jonquil - Love me, affection returned, desire, sympathy

K

Kingcup - Desire for riches
Kennedia - Intellectual beauty

L

Laburnum - Forsaken; pensive beauty
Lady's Slipper - Win me, capricious beauty
Lantana - Rigor
Larkspur (pink) - Fickleness; levity
Laurel (mountain) - Ambition; glory
Lauristinus - Cheerful in adversity
Lavender - Devotion, love
Lemon - Zest
Lemon Balm - Brings love
Lemon Blossom - Fidelity in love; I promise to be true
Lemon verbena - Attracts opposite sex
Lilac - First love
Lilac (purple) - First emotions of love
Lilac (white) - Youthful innocence
Lily (general) - Purity
Lily (calla) - Beauty
Lily (day) - Coquetry, Chinese emblem for mother
Lily (eucharis) - Maidenly charms
Lily (orange) - Hatred
Lily (tiger) - Wealth; pride, prosperity
Lily (white) - Virginity; purity; majesty; it's heavenly to be with you
Lily (yellow) - I'm walking on air; false and gay
Lily of the valley - sweetness; return to happiness; humility; perfect purity, tears of the Virgin Mary
Liverwort - Confidence
Lobelia - Malevolence
Love-in-a-mist - Perplexity
Love-Lies-Bleeding/Amaranths - Hopeless, not heartless, desertion
Lotus - Estranged love, forgetful of the past
Lucerne - life

Lungwort - thou art my life
Lupin - Voraciousness; admiration, imagination
Lychnis/Campion/Maltese Cross - Religious enthusiasm

M

Magnolia - Sweetness; beauty; love of nature; nobility; dignity; splendid beauty
Magnolia (Chinese) - Love of nature
Mallow - Delicate beauty, sweetness
Marigold - Comforts the heart; sacred affection, caress, sorrow
Marjoram (sweet) - Joy and happiness; blushes
Marvel of Peru/Four O' Clock - Timidity
Meadow Saffron - My best days are gone
Meadowsweet - Uselessness
Mezereon - Desire to please
Michaelmas Daisy - Afterthought; farewell
Mignonette - Your qualities surpass your charms, health
Milk Vetch - Your presence softens my pain
Mimosa - Sensitivity, secret love
Mint - Protection from illness; warmth of feeling; virtue
Mistletoe - Kiss me; affection; I surmount difficulties; sacred plant of India, magic plant of the
Druids
Monkshood - Beware, a deadly foe is near; chivalry
Morning Glory - Affectation
Moss - Maternal love; charity
Motherwort - Secret love
Moonwort/Honesty - Forgetfulness
Mouse-Ear Chickweed - Simplicity
Mugwort/Wormwood - Tranquility, happiness
Mullein - Good nature
Myrrh - Gladness
Myrtle - Love; love in absence; remembrance; Hebrew emblem of marriage
Myrtle (wax) - Discipline; instruction

N

Narcissus - Egotism; formality; stay as sweet as you are; you love yourself too well; self-esteem
Nasturtium - Conquest; victory in battle; maternal love; charity; patriotism
Nightshade - Truth
Nuts - Stupidity

O

Oak leaves - Bravery
Oleander - Caution; beware
Olive Branch - Peace
Orange - Generosity
Orange Blossom - Wisdom; purity; eternal love; your purity equals your loveliness
Orange (mock) - Deceit
Orchid - Love; beauty; refinement; you flatter me, Thoughtfulness
Orchid (Cattleya) - Mature charm

P

Palm leaves - Victory and success
Pansy - Thoughts (you occupy my thoughts); love, merriment
Parsley - Festivities
Passion flower - Faith, religious fervor
Pasque Flower - Unpretentious, You have no claims
Pear - Affection
Peach blossom - Longevity; I am your captive
Peony - Shame; bashfulness; anger; indignation
Peppermint - Warmth of feelings, cordiality
Periwinkle (blue) - Early friendship
Periwinkle (white) - Pleasures of memory
Persicaria - Restoration
Petunia - Resentment; anger; your presence soothes me; never despairing
Pheasant's eye/Adonis - sorrowful memories
Phlox - Agreement; unanimity; sweet dreams, our souls are united
Pimpernel/Poor man's weather glass - Change
Pine - Hope; pity
Pink - Boldness, pure affection
Pink- Pink (mountain) - You are aspiring
Poinsettia - Be of good cheer
Polyanthus - Pride of riches
Pomegranate Flower - Elegance
Poppy (general) - Eternal sleep; oblivion; imagination; extravagance
Poppy (red) -Pleasure; fantastic extravagance
Poppy (white) - Consolation; sleep
Poppy (yellow) - Wealth; success
Prickly Pear - Satire
Pride of China - Dissension
Primrose - I can't live without you; early youth; young love
Primrose (evening) - Inconstancy
Primrose (red) - Unpatronized merit
Prince's feather - Unfading love
Pussy willow - Motherhood

Q

Quaking Grass - Agitation
Queen Anne's Lace - Fantasy
Quince - Temptation

R

Ragged Robin - Wit
Ranunculus - I am dazzled by your charms
Reeds - Music
Rhubarb - Advice
Rhododendron - Danger, beware, I am dangerous
Rocket - Rivalry
Rose (bridal) - Happiness
Rose (burgundy) - Unconscious beauty
Rose (coral) - desire
Rose (damask) - Freshness, Persian ambassador of love
Rose (dark crimson) - Mourning
Rose (dog) - Pleasure & pain
Rose (green) - I am from Mars
Rose (hibiscus) - Delicate, beauty
Rose (leaf) - You may hope
Rose (lavender) - Enchantment
Rose (black) - Death
Rose (orange) - Fascination
Rose (pink) - Perfect happiness, secret love, grace & sweetness, please believe me
Rose (dark pink) - Thankfulness
Rose (pale pink) - Grace, joy
Rose (peach) - Immortality, modesty
Rose (white) - Eternal Love; innocence; heavenly; secrecy and silence
Rose (red) - Love, I love you, respect, beauty
Rose (deep red) - Bashful, shame
Rose (tea) - I'll remember - always
Rose (thornless) - Love at first sight, early attachment
Rose (white & red together) - Unity, flower emblem of England
Rose (white-dried) - Death is preferable to loss of virtue
Rose (yellow) - Joy, jealousy, friendship (one yellow rose with 11 red ones means love & passion)
Roses (single full bloom) - I truly love you, simplicity.
Roses (garland or crown of) - beware of virtue, reward of merit, symbol of superior merit
Rose-of-Sharon - Consumed by love
Rose (red and white) - Together; unity
Rose (single, full bloom) - I love you; I still love you

Rosebud - Beauty and youth, a heart innocent of love
Rose bud (red) - Pure and lovely
Rosebud (moss) - Confessions of love
Roses (bouquet of full bloom) - Gratitude
Roses (garland or crown of) - Beware of virtue; reward of merit; crown; symbol of superior merit
Roses (musk cluster) - Charming
Rose (tea) - I'll always remember
Rose (cabbage) - Ambassador of love
Rose (Christmas) - Tranquilize my anxiety; anxiety
Rose (damask) - Brilliant complexion
Rose (dark crimson) - Mourning
Rose (hibiscus) - Delicate beauty
Rose leaf - You may hope
Rosemary - Remembrance; commitment; fidelity
Rudbeckia - Justice
Rue - Disdain
Rush/Horse-tail - Docility

S

Saffron - Beware of excess
Sage - Wisdom; long life; domestic virtue, great respect
Salvia (blue) - I think of you
Satin-Flower - Sincerity
Scabious - Unfortunate love
Sensitive Plant - Timidity
Shamrock - Lightheartedness
Sloe - Difficulty, Austerity
Smilax - Loveliness
Snapdragon - Strength, gracious lady; presumption
Snowball - Thoughts of Heaven
Snowdrop - Hope, Consolation
Solidago - Success
Spearmint - Warmth of sentiment
Spiderflower - Elope with me
Spindle Tree - Your charms are engraved on my heart
Statice - Lasting beauty
Star of Bethlehem - Atonement; purity
Starwort - Welcome to a Stranger
Stephanotis - Happiness in marriage; desire to travel; come to me
Stock - Lasting beauty; promptness, you'll always be beautiful to me
Stonecrop - Tranquility
Strawberry - Perfect goodness
Straw Flower - Agreement
Straw (Broken) - Broken agreement

Sytingia/Mock Orange/Lilac - Memory
Sunflower - Loyalty; haughtiness; you are splendid
Sunflower (Tall) - False riches, Pride
Sunflower (Dwarf) - Adoration
Sweet Basil - Good luck
Sweet pea - Goodbye; departure; blissful pleasure; Thank you for a lovely time
Sweet-Sultan - Felicity, Happiness
Sweet William - Grant me one smile; perfection; gallantry
Syringa - Memory

T

Tamarisk - Crime
Teasel (Dipscaus) - Misanthropy
Thornapple - I dreamed of thee
Thrift (Armeria) - Sympathy
Thyme - Strength and courage; activity
Traveler's Joy - Rest, Safety
Trumpet Flower/Angel's Trumpet/Datura - Separation
Tuberose - Dangerous pleasure
Tulip(general) - Perfect lover, fame, flower emblem of Holland, Fame; charity;
Tulip(red) - Believe me; declaration of love
Tulip(variegated) - Beautiful eyes
Tulip(yellow) - There's sunshine in your smile
Turnip - Charity

V

Valerian - An accommodating disposition
Venus Flytrap - Caught at Last
Venus' Looking Glass - Flattery
Verbena - Pray for me, Sensibility
Vernal Grass - Poor but happy
Veronica - Fidelity
Vervain - Enchantment
Vine - Intoxicating
Violet - Modesty; faithfulness, Virtue, Affection
Violet (blue) - Watchfulness; faithfulness; I'll always be true
Violet (white) - Let's take a chance on happiness
Virgin's Bower/Clematis - Filial Love (Filial: referring to a son or daughter)
Viscaria - Will you dance with me?

W

Wallflower/Gilly Flower - Faithful in Adversity, Fidelity, Lasting Beauty

Water Lily - Purity of heart

Windflower - Sincerity, Symbol of Love

Wintergreens - Harmony

Wistaria - I cling to you, Welcome

Witch Hazel - A spell

Wolfbane/Aconite/Turk's Cap/Friar's Cap/Bear's Foot - Misanthropy, Chivalry, Knight

Woodbine - Fraternal Love

Woodruff - Sweet humility

Wormwood/Artemisia - Absence, Do not be discouraged

X

Xeranthemum - Cheerfulness under adversity

Y

Yarrow - Health; healing, Cure for heartache

Yew - Sorrow

Z

Zephyr Flower - Sincerity, Symbol of Love

Zinnia - Thoughts of friends

Zinnia (magenta) - Lasting affection

Zinnia (mixed) - Thinking (or in memory) of an absent friend

Zinnia (scarlet) - Constancy

Zinnia (white) - Goodness

Zinnia (yellow) - Daily remembrance