

**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)	<i>Beta vulgaris</i> (Beet)
<i>Acanthus</i> (Bear's Breeches)	(<i>Chenopodiaceae</i>)
<i>Barleria</i> (Philippine Violet)	<i>Celosia</i> (<i>Chenopodiaceae</i>)
<i>Hypoestes</i> (Polka Dot Plant)	<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>
<i>Justicia brandegeana</i> (Shrimp Plant)	(<i>Chenopodiaceae</i>)
<i>Strobilanthes</i> (Persian Shield)	Amaryllidaceae (Amaryllis)
Aceraceae (Maple)	<i>Clivia miniata</i> (Kafir Lily)
<i>Acer</i> (Maple)	(<i>Liliaceae</i>)
Adoxaceae (Moschatel)	<i>Crinum</i> (Crinum Lily)
<i>Sambucus</i> (<i>Caprifoliaceae</i> , <i>Sambucaceae</i>)	(<i>Liliaceae</i>)
<i>Viburnum</i> (<i>Caprifoliaceae</i> , <i>Viburnaceae</i>)	<i>Galanthus</i> (Snowdrop)
Agavaceae (Agave)	(<i>Liliaceae</i>)
<i>Agave</i> (Century Plant)	<i>Hippeastrum</i> (Amaryllis)
<i>Chlorophytum</i> (Airplane Plant, Spider Plant)	(<i>Liliaceae</i>)
(<i>Anthericaceae</i> , <i>Liliaceae</i>)	<i>Leucojum</i> (Snowflake)
<i>Cordylone</i> (<i>Laxmanniaceae</i> , <i>Asteliaceae</i> , <i>Lomandraceae</i>)	(<i>Liliaceae</i>)
<i>Hosta</i> (<i>Liliaceae</i> , <i>Hostaceae</i>)	Apiaceae (syn. <i>Umbelliferae</i>) (Parsley)
<i>Polianthes</i> (Tuberose)	<i>Anethum</i> (Dill)
<i>Yucca</i> (<i>Anthericaceae</i> , <i>Liliaceae</i>)	<i>Angelica</i>
Alliaceae (Onion)	<i>Carum</i> (Caraway)
<i>Allium</i> (Onion, Leek, Garlic)	<i>Coriandrum</i> (Coriander)
(<i>Liliaceae</i>)	<i>Daucus carota</i> (Queen Anne's Lace, Carrot)
<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i> (Society Garlic)(<i>Liliaceae</i>)	<i>Eryngium</i> (Sea Holly)
Amaranthaceae (Amaranth)	<i>Foeniculum</i> (Fennel)
<i>Alternanthera</i> (<i>Chenopodiaceae</i>)	<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>
<i>Amaranthus</i> (Amaranth)	(Parsley)
(<i>Chenopodiaceae</i>)	

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Apocynaceae (Dogbane)	<i>Artemisia</i>
<i>Asclepias</i> (Butterfly Weed)	<i>Aster</i>
(<i>Asclepiadaceae</i>)	<i>Calendula</i>
<i>Catharanthus</i> (Vinca, Periwinkle)	<i>Centaurea</i>
<i>Nerium oleander</i> (Oleander)	<i>Chrysanthemum</i> (Mum)
<i>Plumeria hybrids</i> (Frangipani)	<i>Coreopsis</i>
Aquifoliaceae (Holly)	<i>Cosmos</i>
<i>Ilex</i> (Holly)	<i>Dahlia</i>
Araceae (Arum)	<i>Echinacea</i> (Purple Coneflower)
<i>Aglaonema</i> (Chinese Evergreen)	<i>Echinops</i> (Globe Thistle)
<i>Anthurium</i>	<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>
<i>Arisaema</i> (Jack-in-the-Pulpit)	(syn. <i>Eupatorium</i>)
<i>Caladium and hybrids</i>	(Joe Pye Weed)
<i>Dieffenbachia</i>	<i>Gaillardia</i> (Blanket Flower)
<i>Epipremnum</i> (Pothos)	<i>Gerbera hybrida</i> (Gerbera Daisy)
<i>Monstera deliciosa</i> (Swiss Cheese Plant)	<i>Helianthus</i> (Sunflower)
<i>Philodendron</i> (Philodendron)	<i>Helichrysum</i> (Strawflower)
<i>Spathiphyllum</i> (Peace Lily)	<i>Heliopsis</i> (False Sunflower)
<i>Zantedeschia</i> (Calla Lily)	<i>Liatris</i> (Gayfeather)
Araliaceae (Aralia or Ivy)	<i>Osteospermum</i> (African Daisy)
<i>Fatsia japonica</i> (Fatsia)	<i>Rudbeckia</i> (Black-eyed Susan)
<i>Hedera</i> (Ivy)	<i>Stokesia</i> (Stoke's Aster)
<i>Schefflera</i> (<i>Umbrella Plant</i>)	<i>Tagetes</i> (Marigold)
Arecaceae (syn. <i>Palmae</i>) (Palm)	<i>Tithonia</i> (Mexican Sunflower)
<i>Caryota</i> (Fishtail Palm)	<i>Zinnia</i>
<i>Chamaedorea elegans</i> (Parlor Palm)	Begoniaceae (Begonia)
<i>Cocos</i> (Coconut Palm)	<i>Begonia</i>
<i>Howea forsteriana</i> (Sentry Palm)	Betulaceae (Birch)
<i>Phoenix</i> (Date Palm)	<i>Alnus</i> (Alder)
<i>Sabal palmetto</i> (Sabal Palm)	<i>Betula</i> (Birch)
Asparagaceae (Asparagus)	<i>Corylus</i> (Alder)
<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>	Brassicaceae (syn. <i>Cruciferae</i>)
'Meyeri' (<i>Liliaceae</i>)	(mustard)
<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>	<i>Brassica</i> (Cabbage, Kale)
'Sprengeri' (<i>Liliaceae</i>)	<i>Iberis</i> (Candytuft)
Asphodelaceae	<i>Lobularia</i> (Sweet Alyssum)
<i>Aloe</i> (<i>Aloaceae</i>)	<i>Lunaria annua</i> (Money Plant)
<i>Bulbine</i> (<i>Liliaceae</i>)	<i>Matthiola incana</i> (Stock)
<i>Kniphofia</i> (<i>Liliaceae</i>)	
Asteraceae (Aster)	

Boraginaceae (Borage)	Euphorbiaceae (Euphorbia)	<i>Monarda</i> (Bee Balm)	Pandanaceae (Screwpine)
<i>Mertensia</i> (Virginia Bluebells)	<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i> (Croton)	<i>Ocimum</i> (Basil)	<i>Pandanus utilis</i> (Screwpine)
Bromeliaceae (Bromeliad)	<i>Euphorbia milii</i> (Crown of Thorns)	<i>Perovskia</i> (Russian Sage)	Papaveraceae (Poppy)
<i>Aechmea</i>	<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> (Poinsettia)	<i>Physostegia</i> (Obedient Plant)	<i>Eschscholzia</i> (California Poppy)
<i>Ananas comosus</i> (Pineapple)	Fabaceae (syn. <i>Leguminosae</i>) (Pea or Bean)	<i>Salvia</i>	<i>Papaver</i> (Poppy)
<i>Billbergia</i>	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i> (Mimosa)	<i>Solenostemon</i> (Coleus)	Pinaceae (Pine)
<i>Tillandsia usenoides</i> (Spanish Moss)	<i>Baptisia</i> (<i>Papilionaceae</i>)	<i>Stachys</i> (Lamb's Ear)	<i>Abies</i> (Fir) (<i>Abietaceae</i>)
Buxaceae (Box)	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> (Scotch Broom)	Liliaceae (Lily)	<i>Cedrus</i> (Cedar) (<i>Abietaceae</i>)
<i>Buxus</i> (Boxwood)	<i>Gleditsia</i> (<i>Honeylocust</i>)	<i>Asparagus</i> (<i>Asparagaceae</i>)	<i>Picea</i> (Spruce)
<i>Pachysandra</i>	<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i> (Sweet Pea)	<i>Aspidistra</i> (<i>Ruscaceae</i> , <i>Convallariaceae</i>)	<i>Pinus</i> (Pine)
Cactaceae (Cactus)	<i>Phaseolus</i> (Bean)	<i>Kniphofia</i> (Red Hot Poker)	<i>Tsuga</i> (Hemlock) (<i>Abietaceae</i>)
<i>Cereus</i>	<i>Wisteria</i>	<i>Asphodelaceae</i>	Pittosporaceae (<i>Pittosporum</i>)
<i>Opuntia</i>	Fumariaceae (Fumitory)	<i>Lilium i</i>	<i>Pittosporum</i>
<i>Pereskia</i>	<i>Dicentra</i>	<i>Tulipa</i> (Tulip)	Plantaginaceae (Plantain)
<i>Rhipsalis</i>	Hamamelidaceae (Witch-hazel)	Magnoliaceae (Magnolia)	<i>Antirrhinum</i> (<i>Scrophulariaceae</i>)
Campanulaceae (Bellflower)	<i>Liquidambar</i> (Sweet Gum)	<i>Liriodendron</i> (Tuliptree)	<i>Veronica</i> (<i>Veronicaceae</i>)
<i>Campanula</i> (Bellflower)	Heliconiaceae (Heliconia)	<i>Magnolia</i>	<i>Digitalis</i> (<i>Scrophulariaceae</i>)
<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i> (Balloon Flower)	<i>Heliconia</i> (<i>Strelitziaceae</i>)	<i>Magnolia figo</i> (syn. <i>Michelia figo</i>) (Banana Shrub)	<i>Veronica</i> (<i>Veronicaceae</i>)
Caryophyllaceae (Carnation)	Hemerocallidaceae (Daylily)	Malvaceae (Malva)	Plumbaginaceae (Plumbago)
<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> (Carnation)	<i>Hemerocallis (i)</i> <i>Liliaceae</i>	<i>Althaea</i> (Althea)	<i>Limonium sinatum</i> (Statice)
<i>Gypsophila</i> (Baby's Breath)	Hydrangeaceae (Hydrangea)	<i>Gossypium</i> (Cotton)	<i>Plumbago auriculata</i> (Blue Plumbago)
Celastraceae (Bittersweet)	<i>Deutzia</i> (<i>Philadelphaceae</i>)	<i>Hibiscus</i> (Hibiscus)	Poaceae (syn. <i>Graminae</i>) (Grass)
<i>Celastrus</i> (Bittersweet)	<i>Hydrangea</i> (Hydrangea)	Musaceae (Banana)	<i>Bambusa</i> (Bamboo)
<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>Philadelphus</i> (Mock Orange) (<i>Philadelphaceae</i>)	<i>Ensete</i> (False Banana)	<i>Chasmanthium</i> (Northern Sea Oats)
Crassulaceae (Stonecrop)	Iridaceae (Iris)	<i>Musa</i> (Banana)	<i>Cortaderia</i> (Pampas Grass)
<i>Echeveria</i> (Hens and Chicks)	<i>Belamcanda</i> (Blackberry Lily)	Myrtaceae (Myrtle)	<i>Miscanthus</i> (Japanese Silver Grass)
<i>Sedum</i> (Stonecrop)	<i>Crococsmia</i>	<i>Callistemon</i> (Bottlebrush)	<i>Panicum</i> (Switchgrass)
<i>Sempervivum</i>	<i>Crocus</i>	<i>Eucalyptus</i>	<i>Triticum</i> (Wheat)
Cupressaceae (Cypress)	<i>Dietes</i> (<i>Moraea</i>)	<i>Melaleuca</i>	<i>Zea</i> (Corn)
<i>Chamaecyparis</i> (Cypress)	<i>Freesia</i>	Nyctaginaceae (Four O'Clock)	Polemoniaceae (Phlox)
<i>Taxodium disticum</i> (Bald Cypress)	<i>Iris</i>	<i>Bougainvillea spectabilis</i>	<i>Phlox</i>
Cyperaceae (Sedge)	<i>Gladiolus</i>	<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i> (Four O'Clock)	<i>Polemonium</i> (Jacob's Ladder)
<i>Carex</i> (Japanese Sedge)	Lamiaceae (syn. <i>Labiatae</i>) (Mint)	Oleaceae (Olive)	Primulaceae (Primula)
<i>Cyperus involucratus</i> (Umbrella Sedge)	<i>Lavendula</i> (Lavender)	<i>Chionanthus</i> (Fringe Tree)	<i>Cyclamen</i> (<i>Myrcinaceae</i>)
<i>Cyperus papyrus</i> (Papyrus)	<i>Mentha</i> (Mint)	<i>Forsythia</i>	<i>Primula</i>
Ericaceae (Azalea)	<i>Moluccella laevis</i> (Bells of Ireland)	<i>Ligustrum</i> (Privet)	Proteaceae (Banksia)
<i>Kalmia</i>		<i>Osmanthus</i>	<i>Banksia</i>
<i>Pieris</i>		<i>Syringa</i> (Lilac)	<i>Protea</i>
<i>Rhododendron</i>		Orchidaceae (Orchid)	Pteridaceae (Brake)
		<i>Cattleya</i>	<i>Adiantum</i> (Maidenhair Fern)
		<i>Dendrobium</i>	<i>Pteris</i> (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*)