

Plant Families Frequently Used in Flower Shows

Examples only; Not inclusive

Family (Common name of family) # of genera in family; also sometimes placed in this family

Acanthaceae (Acanthus)

Acanthus (Bear's Breeches)
Barleria
Hypoestes (Polka Dot Plant)
Justicia brandegeana (Shrimp Plant)
Strobilanthes (Persian Shield)

Aceraceae (Maple)

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Adoxaceae (Moschatel)

Sambucus (Elderberry)
Viburnum (Caprifoliaceae, Viburnaceae)

Agavaceae (Agave)

Agave
Chlorophytum (Airplane Plant)
Cordyline (Ti Plant)
Hosta (Liliaceae, Hostaceae)
Polianthes (Tuberose)
Yucca

Alliaceae (Onion)

Allium (Onion, Leek, Garlic) (Liliaceae)
Tulbaghia violacea (Society Garlic) (Liliaceae)

Amaranthaceae (Amaranth)

Alternanthera (Chenopodiaceae)
Amaranthus (Amaranth)
Beta vulgaris (Beet)
Celosia (Chenopodiaceae)
Gomphrena globosa (Chenopodiaceae)

Amaryllidaceae (Amaryllis)

Amaryllis
Clivia miniata (Kafir Lily) (Liliaceae)
Crinum (Crinum Lily) (Liliaceae)
Galanthus (Snowdrop)
Hippeastrum (Amaryllis) (Liliaceae)
Leucojum (Snowflake)
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)
Nerium oleander (Oleander)
Plumeria and 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)
Cocos (Coconut Palm)
Howea forsteriana (Sentry Palm)
Neanthe bella (Parlor 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
Chrysanthemum (Mum)
Centaurea
Coreopsis
Cosmos
Dahlia
Echinacea
Echinops (Globe Thistle)
Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed)
Gaillardia
Gerbera hybrida (Gerbera Daisy)
Helianthus (Sunflower)
Helichrysum (Strawflower)
Heliopsis (False Sunflower)
Liatis

Osteospermum (African Daisy)

Rudbeckia

Stokesia (Stoke's Aster)

Tagetes (Marigold)

Tithonia (Mexican Sunflower)

Zinnia

Begoniaceae (Begonia)

Begonia

Berberidaceae (Barberry)

Berberis

Epimedium

Mahonia

Nandina

Betulaceae (Birch)

Alnus (Alder)

Betula (Birch)

Carpinus (Hornbeam)

Corylus (Hazel)

Brassicaceae (syn. Cruciferae) (mustard)

Brassica (Cabbage, Kale)

Iberis (Candytuft)

Lobularia (Sweet Alyssum)

Lunaria annua (Money Plant)

Matthiola incana (Stock)

Tropaeolum (Nasturtium)

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

Preskia

Rhipsalis

Campanulaceae (Bellflower)

Campanula (Bellflower)

Platycodon grandiflorus (Balloon Flower)

Caryophyllaceae (Carnation)

Dianthus caryophyllus (Carnation)

Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)

Celastraceae (Bittersweet)

Euonymus

Celastrus (Bittersweet)

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

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)

Hydrangeaceae (Hydrangea)

Deutzia (Philadelphaceae)

Hydrangea (Hydrangea)

Philadelphus (Mockorange) (Philadelphaceae)

Iridaceae (Iris)

Belamcanda (Blackberry Lily)

Crococsmia

Crocus

Freesia

Iris

Gladiolus

Moraea

Lamiaceae (syn. Labiatae) (Mint)

Lavandula (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)

Lilium (Lilies)

- Tulipa* (Tulip)
- Magnoliaceae** (Magnolia)
Liriodendron (Tuliptree)
Magnolia
Magnolia figo (*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)
Cedrus (Cedar)
Picea (Spruce)
Pinus (Pine)
Tsuga (Hemlock)
- Pittosporaceae** (Pittosporum)
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- Plantaginaceae** (Plantain)
Antirrhinum (Scrophulariaceae, Veronicaceae)
Digitalis (Foxglove) (Scrophulariaceae, Veronicaceae)
- Plumbaginaceae** (Plumbago)
Limonium sinuatum (Statice)
Plumbago auriculata (Blue Plumbago)
- Poaceae** (syn. Graminae) (Grass)
Bambusa (Bamboo)
Chasmanthium (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 x hybridus (Lenten Rose)
Ranunculus
- Rosaceae** (Rose)
Amelanchier
Chaenomeles (Quince)
Cotoneaster
Crataegus (Hawthorn)
Eriobotrya (Loquat)
Fragaria (Strawberry)
Kerria japonica (Japanese Rose)
Malus (Apple)
Potentilla
Prunus (Plum, Cherry, Peach, Almond)
Pyrachanta
Pyrus (Pear)
Rubus (Raspberry, Blackberry)
Spiraea
- Rubiaceae** (Madder)
Gardenia
Hamelia (Firebush)
Ixora
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Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)
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Nicotian x hybrida (Flowering Tobacco)

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Ravenala madagascariensis (Traveler's Palm)

Strelitzia reginae (Bird of Paradise)

Taxaceae (Yew)

Taxus (Yew)

Theaceae (Tea)

Camellia

Gordonia lisianthus (Loblolly Bay)

Violaceae (Viola)

Pansy

Viola

Zingiberaceae (Ginger)

Alpinia (Shell Ginger)

Zingiber (Ginger)

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