

# Victoria's Dictionary of Flowers

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Abutilon (*Abutilon*) . . . *Meditation*

Acacia (*Acacia*) . . . *Secret love*

Acanthus (*Acanthus*) . . . *Artifice*

Agapanthus (*Agapanthus*) . . . *Love letter*

Allium (*Allium*) . . . *Prosperity*

Almond blossom (*Amygdalus communis*) . . . *Indiscretion*

Aloe (*Aloe vera*) . . . *Grief*

Alstroemeria (*Alstroemeria*) . . . *Devotion*

Alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*) . . . *Worth beyond beauty*

Amaranth (*Amaranthus*) . . . *Immortality*

Amaryllis (*Hippeastrum*) . . . *Pride*

Anemone (*Anemone*) . . . *Forsaken*

Angelica (*Angelica pachycarpa*) . . . *Inspiration*

Apple (*Malus domestica*) . . . *Temptation*

Apple blossom (*Malus domestica*) . . . *Preference*

Aster (*Aster*) . . . *Patience*

Azalea (*Rhododendron*) . . . *Fragile and ephemeral passion*



Baby's breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*) . . . *Everlasting love*

Bachelor's button (*Centaurea cyanus*) . . . *Single blessedness*

Basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) . . . *Hate*

Bay leaf (*Laurus nobilis*) . . . *I change but in death*

Begonia (*Begonia*) . . . *Caution*

Bellflower (*Campanula*) . . . *Gratitude*

Bells of Ireland (*Moluccella laevis*) . . . *Good luck*

- Bird of paradise (*Strelitzia reginae*) . . .  
*Magnificence*
- Blackberry (*Rubus*) . . . *Envy*
- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*) . . . *Justice*
- Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) . . .  
*Constancy*
- Bougainvillea (*Bougainvillea spectabilis*) . . . *Passion*
- Bouvardia (*Bouvardia*) . . . *Enthusiasm*
- Broom (*Cytisus*) . . . *Humility*
- Buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*) . . .  
*Ingratitude*
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- Cabbage (*Brassica oleracea*) . . . *Profit*
- Cactus (*Opuntia*) . . . *Ardent love*
- Calla lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) . . .  
*Modesty*
- Camellia (*Camellia*) . . . *My destiny is in your hands*
- Candytuft (*Iberis*) . . . *Indifference*
- Canterbury bells (*Campanula medium*) . . . *Gratitude*
- Carnation, pink (*Dianthus caryophyllus*) . . . *I will never forget you*
- Carnation, red (*Dianthus caryophyllus*) . . . *My heart breaks*
- Carnation, striped (*Dianthus caryophyllus*) . . . *I cannot be with you*
- Carnation, white (*Dianthus caryophyllus*) . . . *Sweet and lovely*
- Carnation, yellow (*Dianthus caryophyllus*) . . . *Disdain*
- Celandine (*Chelidonium majus*) . . . *Joys to come*
- Chamomile (*Matricaria recutita*) . . .  
*Energy in adversity*
- Cherry blossom (*Prunus cerasus*) . . .  
*Impermanence*
- Chervil (*Anthriscus*) . . . *Sincerity*
- Chestnuts (*Castanea sativa*) . . . *Do me justice*
- Chicory (*Cichorium intybus*) . . . *Frugality*
- Chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum*) . . .  
*Truth*
- Cinquefoil (*Potentilla*) . . . *Beloved daughter*
- Clematis (*Clematis*) . . . *Poverty*
- Clove (*Syzygium aromaticum*) . . . *I have loved you and you have not known it*
- Clover, white (*Trifolium*) . . . *Think of me*
- Cockscomb (*Celosia*) . . . *Affectation*
- Columbine (*Aquilegia*) . . . *Desertion*
- Coreopsis (*Coreopsis*) . . . *Always cheerful*
- Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum*) . . .  
*Hidden worth*
- Corn (*Zea mays*) . . . *Riches*
- Cosmos (*Cosmos bipinnatus*) . . . *Joy in love and life*
- Cowslip (*Primula veris*) . . . *Pensiveness*
- Crab-apple blossom (*Malus hupehensis*) . . . *Ill-tempered*

Cranberry (*Vaccinium*) . . . *Cure for  
heartache*  
Crocus (*Crocus*) . . . *Youthful gladness*  
Currant (*Ribes*) . . . *Thy frown will  
kill me*  
Cyclamen (*Cyclamen*) . . . *Timid hope*  
Cypress (*Cupressus*) . . . *Mourning*



Daffodil (*Narcissus*) . . . *New beginnings*  
Dahlia (*Dahlia*) . . . *Dignity*  
Daisy (*Bellis*) . . . *Innocence*  
Daisy, Gerber (*Gerbera*) . . .  
*Cheerfulness*  
Dandelion (*Taraxacum*) . . . *Rustic oracle*  
Daphne (*Daphne*) . . . *I would not have  
you otherwise*  
Daylily (*Hemerocallis*) . . . *Coquetry*  
Delphinium (*Delphinium*) . . . *Levity*  
Dianthus (*Dianthus*) . . . *Make haste*  
Dittany (*Dictamnus albus*) . . .  
*Childbirth*  
Dogwood (*Cornus*) . . . *Love  
undiminished by adversity*  
Dragon plant (*Dracaena*) . . . *You are  
near a snare*



Edelweiss (*Leontopodium alpinum*) . . .  
*Noble courage*  
Elder (*Sambucus*) . . . *Compassion*  
Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus*) . . . *Protection*

Euphorbia (*Euphorbia*) . . . *Persistence*  
Evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*) . . .  
*Inconstancy*  
Everlasting pea (*Lathyrus latifolius*) . . .  
*Lasting pleasure*



Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*) . . .  
*Strength*  
Fern (*Polypodiophyta*) . . . *Sincerity*  
Fern, maidenhair (*Adiantum capillus-  
veneris*) . . . *Secrecy*  
Feverfew (*Tanacetum parthenium*) . . .  
*Warmth*  
Fig (*Ficus carica*) . . . *Argument*  
Flax (*Linum usitatissimum*) . . . *I feel  
your kindness*  
Forget-me-not (*Myosotis*) . . . *Forget  
me not*  
Forsythia (*Forsythia*) . . . *Anticipation*  
Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) . . .  
*Insincerity*  
Freesia (*Freesia*) . . . *Lasting friendship*  
Fuchsia (*Fuchsia*) . . . *Humble love*



Gardenia (*Gardenia*) . . . *Refinement*  
Gentian (*Gentiana*) . . . *Intrinsic worth*  
Geranium, oak-leaf (*Pelargonium*) . . .  
*True friendship*  
Geranium, pencil-leaf (*Pelargonium*) . . .  
*Ingenuity*

Geranium, scarlet (*Pelargonium*) . . .

*Stupidity*

Geranium, wild (*Pelargonium*) . . .

*Steadfast piety*

Ginger (*Zingiber*) . . . *Strength*

Gladiolus (*Gladiolus*) . . . *You pierce my*

*heart*

Goldenrod (*Solidago*) . . . *Careful*

*encouragement*

Grapevine (*Vitis vinifera*) . . .

*Abundance*

Grass (*Poaceae*) . . . *Submission*



Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) . . .

*Hope*

Hazel (*Corylus*) . . . *Reconciliation*

Heath (*Erica*) . . . *Solitude*

Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) . . .

*Protection*

Helenium (*Helenium*) . . . *Tears*

Heliotrope (*Heliotropium*) . . . *Devoted*

*affection*

Hibiscus (*Hibiscus*) . . . *Delicate*

*beauty*

Holly (*Ilex*) . . . *Foresight*

Hollyhock (*Alcea*) . . . *Ambition*

Honesty (*Lunaria annua*) . . . *Honesty*

Honeysuckle (*Lonicera*) . . . *Devotion*

Hyacinth, blue (*Hyacinthus orientalis*) . . .

*Constancy*

Hyacinth, purple (*Hyacinthus*

*orientalis*) . . . *Please*

*forgive me*

Hyacinth, white (*Hyacinthus*

*orientalis*) . . . *Beauty*

Hydrangea (*Hydrangea*) . . . *Dispassion*



Ice plant (*Carpobrotus chilensis*) . . . *Your*

*looks freeze me*

Impatiens (*Impatiens*) . . . *Impatience*

Iris (*Iris*) . . . *Message*

Ivy (*Hedera helix*) . . . *Fidelity*



Jacob's ladder (*Polemonium*) . . . *Come*

*down*

Jasmine, Carolina (*Gelsemium*

*sempervirens*) . . . *Separation*

Jasmine, Indian (*Jasminum*

*multiflorum*) . . . *Attachment*

Jasmine, white (*Jasminum officinale*) . . .

*Amiability*

Jonquil (*Narcissus jonquilla*) . . . *Desire*



Laburnum (*Laburnum anagyroides*) . . .

*Pensive beauty*

Lady's slipper (*Cypripedium*) . . .

*Capricious beauty*

Lantana (*Lantana*) . . . *Rigor*

Larch (*Larix decidua*) . . . *Audacity*

Larkspur (*Consolida*) . . . *Lightness*

Laurel (*Laurus nobilis*) . . . *Glory and*

*success*

Lavender (*Lavandula*) . . . *Mistrust*  
 Lemon (*Citrus limon*) . . . *Zest*  
 Lemon blossom (*Citrus limon*) . . .  
     *Discretion*  
 Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) . . .  
     *Coldheartedness*  
 Liatris (*Liatris*) . . . *I will try again*  
 Lichen (*Parmelia*) . . . *Dejection*  
 Lilac (*Syringa*) . . . *First emotions of love*  
 Lily (*Lilium*) . . . *Majesty*  
 Lily of the valley (*Convallaria majalis*) . . .  
     *Return of happiness*  
 Linden tree (*Tilia*) . . . *Conjugal love*  
 Lisianthus (*Eustoma*) . . . *Appreciation*  
 Lobelia (*Lobelia*) . . . *Malevolence*  
 Lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*) . . . *Purity*  
 Love-in-a-mist (*Nigella damascena*) . . .  
     *Perplexity*  
 Love-lies-bleeding (*Amaranthus*  
     *caudatus*) . . . *Hopeless but not*  
     *helpless*  
 Lungwort (*Pulmonaria*) . . . *You are my*  
     *life*  
 Lupine (*Lupinus*) . . . *Imagination*



Magnolia (*Magnolia*) . . . *Dignity*  
 Marigold (*Calendula*) . . . *Grief*  
 Marjoram (*Origanum*) . . . *Blushes*  
 Marsh marigold (*Caltha palustris*) . . .  
     *Desire for riches*  
 Meadow saffron (*Colchicum*  
     *autumnale*) . . . *My best days are*  
     *past*

Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*) . . .  
     *Uselessness*  
 Michealmas daisy (*Aster amellus*) . . .  
     *Farewell*  
 Mignonette (*Reseda odorata*) . . . *Your*  
     *qualities surpass your charms*  
 Mimosa (*Mimosa*) . . . *Sensitivity*  
 Mistletoe (*Viscum*) . . . *I surmount all*  
     *obstacles*  
 Mock orange (*Pittosporum*  
     *undulatum*) . . . *Counterfeit*  
 Monkshood (*Aconitum*) . . . *Chivalry*  
 Morning glory (*Ipomoea*) . . . *Coquetry*  
 Moss (*Bryopsida*) . . . *Maternal love*  
 Mullein (*Verbascum*) . . . *Take courage*  
 Mustard (*Brassica*) . . . *I am hurt*  
 Myrtle (*Myrtus*) . . . *Love*



Narcissus (*Narcissus*) . . . *Self-love*  
 Nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*) . . .  
     *Patriotism*  
 Nettle (*Urtica*) . . . *Cruelty*



Oats (*Avena sativa*) . . . *The witching*  
     *soul of music*  
 Oleander (*Nerium oleander*) . . .  
     *Beware*  
 Olive (*Olea europaea*) . . . *Peace*  
 Orange (*Citrus sinensis*) . . . *Generosity*  
 Orange blossom (*Citrus sinensis*) . . .  
     *Your purity equals your loveliness*

Orchid (*Orchidaceae*) . . . *Refined beauty*

Oregano (*Origanum vulgare*) . . . *Joy*



Pansy (*Viola*) . . . *Think of me*

Parsley (*Petroselinum crispum*) . . .

*Festivity*

Passionflower (*Passiflora*) . . . *Faith*

Peach (*Prunus persica*) . . . *Your charms  
are unequaled*

Peach blossom (*Prunus persica*) . . . *I am  
your captive*

Pear (*Pyrus*) . . . *Affection*

Pear blossom (*Pyrus*) . . . *Comfort*

Peony (*Paeonia*) . . . *Anger*

Peppermint (*Mentha*) . . . *Warmth of  
feeling*

Periwinkle (*Vinca minor*) . . . *Tender  
recollections*

Persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*) . . . *Bury  
me amid nature's beauty*

Petunia (*Petunia*) . . . *Your presence  
soothes me*

Phlox (*Phlox*) . . . *Our souls are united*

Pineapple (*Ananas comosus*) . . . *You are  
perfect*

Pink (*Dianthus*) . . . *Pure love*

Plum (*Prunus domestica*) . . . *Keep your  
promises*

Poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) . . .  
*Be of good cheer*

Polyanthus (*Primula*) . . . *Confidence*

Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*) . . .  
*Foolishness*

Pomegranate blossom (*Punica  
granatum*) . . . *Mature elegance*

Poplar, black (*Populus nigra*) . . .  
*Courage*

Poplar, white (*Populus alba*) . . . *Time*

Poppy (*Papaver*) . . . *Fantastic  
extravagance*

Potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) . . .  
*Benevolence*

Potato vine (*Solanum jasminoides*) . . .  
*You are delicious*

Primrose (*Primula*) . . . *Childhood*

Protea (*Protea*) . . . *Courage*

Purple coneflower (*Echinacea  
purpurea*) . . . *Strength and health*



Queen Anne's lace (*Ammi majus*) . . .  
*Fantasy*

Quince (*Cydonia oblonga*) . . .  
*Temptation*



Ranunculus (*Ranunculus asiaticus*) . . .  
*You are radiant with charms*

Raspberry (*Rubus*) . . . *Remorse*

Redbud (*Cercis*) . . . *Betrayal*

Rhododendron (*Rhododendron*) . . .  
*Beware*

Rhubarb (*Rheum*) . . . *Advice*

Rose, burgundy (*Rosa*) . . . *Unconscious  
beauty*

Rose, moss (*Rosa*) . . . *Confession of love*

Rose, orange (*Rosa*) . . . *Fascination*  
 Rose, pale peach (*Rosa*) . . . *Modesty*  
 Rose, pink (*Rosa*) . . . *Grace*  
 Rose, purple (*Rosa*) . . . *Enchantment*  
 Rose, red (*Rosa*) . . . *Love*  
 Rose, white (*Rosa*) . . . *A heart*  
     *unacquainted with love*  
 Rose, yellow (*Rosa*) . . . *Infidelity*  
 Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) . . .  
     *Remembrance*



Saffron (*Crocus sativus*) . . . *Beware of*  
     *excess*  
 Sage (*Salvia officinalis*) . . . *Good health*  
     *and long life*  
 Saint-John's-wort (*Hypericum*  
     *perforatum*) . . . *Superstition*  
 Saxifraga (*Saxifraga*) . . . *Affection*  
 Scabiosa (*Scabiosa*) . . . *Unfortunate*  
     *love*  
 Scarlet Pimpernel (*Anagallis arvensis*) . . .  
     *Change*  
 Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*) . . .  
     *Presumption*  
 Snowdrop (*Galanthus*) . . . *Consolation*  
     *and hope*  
 Sorrel (*Rumex acetosa*) . . . *Parental*  
     *affection*  
 Speedwell (*Veronica*) . . . *Fidelity*  
 Spirea (*Spiraea*) . . . *Victory*  
 Star-of-Bethlehem  
     (*Ornithogalum umbellatum*) . . .  
     *Purity*

Starwort (*Stellaria*) . . . *Welcome*  
 Stephanotis (*Stephanotis floribunda*) . . .  
     *Happiness in marriage*  
 Stock (*Malcolmia maritima*) . . . *You will*  
     *always be beautiful to me*  
 Stonecrop (*Sedum*) . . . *Tranquility*  
 Strawberry (*Fragaria*) . . . *Perfection*  
 Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) . . . *False*  
     *riches*  
 Sweet briar (*Rosa rubiginosa*) . . .  
     *Simplicity*  
 Sweet pea (*Lathyrus odoratus*) . . .  
     *Delicate pleasures*  
 Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*) . . .  
     *Gallantry*



Tansy (*Tanacetum*) . . . *I declare war*  
     *against you*  
 Thistle, common (*Cirsium*) . . .  
     *Misanthropy*  
 Thrift (*Armeria*) . . . *Sympathy*  
 Thyme (*Thymus*) . . . *Activity*  
 Trachelium (*Trachelium*) . . . *Neglected*  
     *beauty*  
 Trillium (*Trillium*) . . . *Modest beauty*  
 Trumpet vine (*Campsis radicans*) . . .  
     *Fame*  
 Tuberosa (*Polianthes tuberosa*) . . .  
     *Dangerous pleasures*  
 Tulip (*Tulipa*) . . . *Declaration of love*  
 Turnip (*Brassica rapa*) . . . *Charity*



Verbena (*Verbena*) . . . *Pray for me*

Vetch (*Vicia*) . . . *I cling to thee*

Violet (*Viola*) . . . *Modest worth*



Wallflower (*Cheiranthus*) . . . *Fidelity in  
adversity*

Water lily (*Nymphaea*) . . . *Purity of  
heart*

Waxflower (*Hoya*) . . . *Susceptibility*

Wheat (*Triticum*) . . . *Prosperity*

White Monte Casino (*Aster*) . . .  
*Patience*

Willow herb (*Epilobium*) . . . *Pretension*

Winter cherry (*Physalis alkekengi*) . . .

*Deception*

Wisteria (*Wisteria*) . . . *Welcome*

Witch hazel (*Hamamelis*) . . . *A spell*



Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) . . . *Cure  
for a broken heart*



Zinnia (*Zinnia*) . . . *I mourn your  
absence*



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