

The Meaning of Flowers

The following meanings and symbolism have been gathered over the years and compiled from older texts, especially from the Victorian Era. Some of the meanings have changed in recent years (I blame the florists), but in the literary world, the older meanings still have merit. Note: Some meanings vary with the color and in the context in which it is given.

Almond—Indiscretion, carelessness

Amaryllis—Immortality, unfading love

Apple Blossoms— Preference

Azalea—Temperance

Bluebell—Constancy

Camellia—Red - Loveliness; White - Excellence

Carnation—Pink - A woman's love; Red - Alas my poor heart

Striped - Refusal; Yellow - Disdain

Chrysanthemum—Red - Love; Yellow - Slighted love; White - Truth

Columbine—Folly

Daffodil—Regard

Daisy—Innocence, I will think on it

Fern—Fascination

Gladiolus—Strength of character

Hawthorne—Hope

Heather—Solitude

Ice Plant—Your looks freeze me

Ivy—Friendship, fidelity, faithfulness

Jasmine—Grace, elegance

Lavender—Purity, calmness, caution (and sometimes, distrust)

Lilac—Wisdom, first emotions of love

Lily—Sweetness, purity

Magnolia—Dignity, nobility

Mint—Virtue, moral excellence

Mistletoe—I surmount all difficulties

Myrtle—Power, sincerity, love

Narcissus—Egotism

Rose—Red - Love; White - Purity; Burgundy - beauty

Yellow - Decrease of love, infidelity

Rosemary—Remembrance, faithfulness

Rue—Regret, disdain

Sunflower—Confidence, courage, pride (and sometimes haughtiness)

Tulip—Undying passionate love

Wisteria—Success, I cling to you

