

The Meaning of Flowers

In the Victorian era, a number of writers created special meanings for different flowers so hidden messages could be included when they were given and received. Today, all flowers are used to express our feelings, but the old definitions can be amusing at times like Valentine's Week. Following is a selection from the "Language of Flowers".

AMARYLLIS	Pride
AZALEA	Temperance
BACHELOR'S BUTTON	Celibacy
BASIL	Hatred
CACTUS	Warmth
CARNATION	
RED	Alas! My poor heart
WHITE	Truth
YELLOW	Disdain
CHRYSANTHEMUM	
RED	I Love
WHITE	Truth
YELLOW	Slighted Love
PINK	Woman's Love
DAFFODIL	Regard
DAISY	Innocence
FERN	Fascination
FORGET-ME-NOT	True Love
GERANIUM	True Friendship
HONEYSUCKLE	Generous & Devoted Affection
HYACINTH	Sport, Game, Play
ICEPLANT	Your looks freeze me
IRIS	Message
IVY	Fidelity, Marriage
JASMINE	Amiability
JONQUIL	Affection
LAVENDER	Distrust
LILAC	Humility
LILY	
WHITE	Purity, Sweetness
YELLOW	Falsehood, Gayness
MAGNOLIA	Love of nature
MARIGOLD	Grief
NARCISSUS	Egotism
OAK LEAVES	Bravery
OLIVE	Peace
ORANGE TREE	Generosity
PALM	Victory
PANSY	Thoughts

PEACH BLOSSOM	I am your captive
SWEET PEA	Departure
PEONY	Shame
RHODODENDRON	Danger, Beware
ROSE	Love
BURGUNDY	Unconscious Beauty
CABBAGE	Ambassador of Love
DEEP RED	Bashful shame
WHITE	I am worthy of you
YELLOW	Jealousy, Decrease of Love
SINGLE	Simplicity
RED & WHITE	Unity
RED BUD	Pure & Lovely
WHITE BUD	Girlhood
PINK	Boldness
TULIP	Fame
RED	Declaration of love
YELLOW	Hopeless love
VARIEGATED	Beautiful eyes
VIOLET	Faithfulness
VINE	Intoxication
ZINNIA	Thoughts of absent