

# WHAT DOES YOUR MINNOW MAGIC MEAN?

In Victorian times, certain flowers had specific meanings because the flower selection was limited and people used more symbols and gestures to communicate than words. But today, with so many flower choices, there are no rules - it's the sentiment that gives the gift its meaning. Many people assign their own personal meanings - a flower or color that might remind them of a special event or moment in their lives.

But if you are interested in the historic meanings of flowers, the Society of American Florists has compiled this list from a variety of different sources:

## a

- Absinth/Wormwood: Separation and Torment of Love
- Acacia: Platonic Love, concealed love
- Aconite/Monkshood: Misanthropy and Poisonous Words
- Adams's Needle: A Friend in Need
- Adonis: Recollection of Life's Pleasure
- Almond: Virginity and Fruitfulness
- Almond Blossom: Hope and Watchfulness
- Aloe: Wisdom and Integrity
- Allspice: Compassion
- Alyssum (sweet): Worth beyond beauty
- Amaranth: Fidelity
- Amaranth, Globe: Unchangeable
- Amaryllis: Pastoral Poetry, Pride
- Ambrosia: Your Love is reciprocated
- Anemone: Refusal and Abandonment, Forsaken
- Apple: Symbol of Perpetual Concord
- Apricot Blossom: Timid Love
- Abor Vitae: True Friendship
- Arbutus: Thee only do I Love
- Artemesia: Symbol of Dignity
- Asphodel: Languor and Regret
- Aster: Daintiness, Symbol of Love
- Azalea: Fragile and Ephemeral Passion

## b

- Baby's Breath: Happiness
- Bay Wreath: Reward of Merit
- Begonia: "Beware! I am fanciful!"
- Bindweed: Coquette and Busybody
- Bittersweet: Truth
- Blackthorn/Sloe: Difficulty and Austerity
- Blue Bell: Delicacy and Humility
- Bouquet of Withered Flowers: Rejected love
- Burdock: Importunity and Boredom
- Buttercup: Childishness

## C

Cactus: Bravery and Endurance  
Camellia: Excellence and Steadfastness  
Camellia, red: You're a flame in my heart  
Camellia, white: You're adorable  
Camomile: Initiative and Ingenuity  
Candytuft: Indifference  
Canterbury Bell: Constancy and Warning  
Cardinal Flower: Distinction and Splendor  
Carnation: Fascination  
Carnation, Pink: Emblem of Mother's Day, I will never forget you  
Carnation, Purple: Antipathy and Capriciousness  
Carnation, Red: Admiration, my heart aches for you  
Carnation, Striped: No, Sorry, I cannot be with you  
Carnation, White: Pure Love, Sweet Love, Innocence  
Carnation, Yellow: Disdain and Rejection  
Cedar Leaf: "I live for thee"  
Chestnut: Independence and Injustice  
China Aster: Jealousy and After-thought  
Chrysanthemum: You are a wonderful friend  
Chrysanthemum, Red: I love you  
Chrysanthemum, White: Truth  
Chrysanthemum, Yellow: Slighted Love  
Cinnamon: Love and Beauty  
Clematis: Artifice and Ingenuity  
Clove: Dignity and Restraint  
Clover: Fertility and Domestic Virtue  
Clover, Four leafed: Symbol Of Good Luck  
Clover, Five leafed: Symbol Of Bad Luck  
Cockscomb/Celosia: Silliness or Foppery  
Coltsfoot: Maternal Love and Care  
Columbine: Cuckoldry and Deserted Love  
Convolvulus: Humble Perseverance  
Coreopsis: Always cheerful  
Cornflower: Delicacy  
Crane's-bill/Wild Geranium: Constancy and Availability  
Crocus: Youthful Gladness, Attachment, Cheerfulness  
Crown Imperial: Majesty and Power  
Cyclamen: Resignation & Goodbye

## d

Daffodil: Emblem of Annunciation/Regard, Unrequited love  
Dahlia: Good Taste  
Daisy: Gentleness, Innocence, Loyal love  
Dandelion: Oracle of Time and Love, Faithfulness, Happiness  
Day Lily/Hemerocallis: Emblem Of The Mother  
Delphinium: Airy  
Dogwood: Durability

## e

Edelweiss: Daring & Noble Courage  
Eglantine: Spring & Poetry  
Elderberry Blossom: Humility and Kindness  
Everlasting: Constancy

## f

Fennel: Strength  
Fern: Sincerity, Magic, Fascination, Confidence, Shelter  
Fir: Time & Evaluation  
Forget-me-not: Faithful Love, Memories  
Forsythia: Anticipation  
Fuchsia: Amiability

## g

Gardenia: "I love you in secret"  
Geranium, Oak-leaf: Friendship  
Geranium, Rose: Preference  
Gillyflower, Pink: Bonds Of Affection  
Gladiolus: Strength Of Character, I am really sincere  
Gloxinia: Love at first sight  
Goldenrod: Treasure And Good Fortune

## h

Heather, Purple: Admiration, Beauty and Solitude  
Heather, Pink: "Good Luck"  
Heather, White: Protection From Danger  
Heliotrope: Devotion, Eternal Love  
Hibiscus: Delicate Beauty  
Holly: Foresight  
Hollyhock: Ambition and Liberality  
Honeysuckle: Sweetness Of Disposition  
Hyacinth: Games & Sports  
Hyacinth, purple: I am sorry, Please forgive me, Sorrow  
Hyacinth, white: Loveliness, I will pray for you  
Hyacinth, yellow: Jealousy  
Hydrangea : Vanity, Thank you for understanding, Frigidity

## i

Iris: Faith, Wisdom, Valor, Your Friendship means so much to me  
Ivy: Friendship, Wedded love, Fidelity, Friendship, Affection

## j

Jasmine, Red: Folly and Glee  
Jasmine, White: Amiability and Cheerfulness  
Jasmine, Yellow: Timidity and Modesty  
Jonquil: Violent Sympathy and Desire, Love me, Affection returned

## I

Lady's Slipper: Capricious Beauty  
Larkspur: Open Heart  
Laurel: Success and Renown  
Lavender: Constancy  
Lilac, Mauve: "Do You Still Love Me"  
Lilac, Pink: Youth and Acceptance  
Lilac, White: "My First Dream Of Love"  
Lily, Calla: Majestic Beauty  
Lily, Day: Coquetry  
Lily, Orange: Hatred and Disdain, Wealth, Pride  
Lily, White: Majesty and Purity, Virginity  
Lily-Of-The-Valley: Purity and Humility, Sweetness  
Lotus: Mystery and Truth  
Love-In-The-Mist/Nigell: Delicacy and Perplexity

## m

Magnolia: Dignity, Splendid Beauty  
Marigold: Sacred Affection, Cruelty, Grief, Jealousy  
Marjoram: Comfort and Consolation  
Marvel-Of-Peru: Flame of Love  
Mistletoe: Affection and Love  
Mimosa: Sensitivity  
Myrtle: Love, Mirth and Joy

## n

Narcissus: Egotism, Formality  
Nasturtium: Patriotism

## o

Oleander: Beauty and Grace  
Orange Blossom: Your Purity Equals Your Loveliness, Innocence, Eternal Love  
Orange Mock: Deceit  
Orchid: Magnificence, Love, Beauty, Refinement

## p

Pansy: Thoughtful Recollection  
Passionflower: Faith and Piety  
Peach Blossom: Generosity and Bridal Hope  
Peony: Healing, Life, Happy Marriage, Gay life  
Peppermint: Warmth of Feelings  
Periwinkle, Blue: Early Friendship  
Periwinkle, White: Pleasures of Memory  
Petunia: Anger and Resentment  
Phlox: Sweet Dreams  
Plum Blossom: Beauty and Longevity  
Poinsettia: "Be of Good Cheer"  
Poppy: Imagination, Dreaminess, Eternal sleep  
Poppy, yellow: Wealth, Success  
Primrose: Young Love, I cannot live without you  
Primrose, evening: Inconstancy

## q

Queen Anne's Lace: Fantasy

## r

Rose, Bridal: Happy Love  
Rose, Carolina: Love Is Dangerous  
Rose, Christmas: Peace and Tranquility  
Rose, Coral/Orange: Enthusiasm, Desire  
Rose, Dark Pink: Thank you  
Rose, Light Pink: Admiration  
Rose, Musk: Capricious Beauty  
Rose, Pale: Friendship  
Rose, Peach: Let's get together, Closing of the deal  
Rose, Pink: Love, Grace, Gentility, You're so Lovely, Perfect Happiness, Please believe me  
Rose, Pink & White: I love you still and always will  
Rose, Red: Love, Desire, Respect, Courage, Job well done  
Rose, Red & Yellow: Congratulations  
Rose, White: Charm, Secrecy, Silence, You're Heavenly, Reverence, Humility, Youthfulness and Innocence  
Rose, White on Red: Unity/Flower Emblem of England  
Rose, Yellow: Infidelity, Joy, Gladness, Friendship, Jealousy, Welcome Back, Remember me  
Rose, Yellow & Orange: Passionate thoughts  
Rosemary: Constancy, Fidelity and Loyalty

## s

Salvia, Blue: "I Think of You"  
Smilax: Lovely  
Snapdragon: Presumption, Deception, Gracious lady  
Snowdrop: Hope and Consolation  
Spearmint: Warmth of Sentiment  
Spider Flower: Elope with me  
Statice: Lasting Beauty  
Stephanotis: Happiness in marriage  
Stock: Bonds of affection, You will always be beautiful to me  
Sunflower: Homage and Devotion  
Sweet Basil: Good Luck  
Sweet Pea: Departure, Blissful pleasure, Thanks for a lovely time  
Sweet William: Gallantry, Finesse and Perfection

## t

Thrift: Sympathy  
Thyme: Courage and Activity  
Tiger Lily: Wealth and Pride  
Tuberose: Dangerous Pleasures  
Tulip: Symbol of The Perfect Lover  
Tulip, Red: Believe me, Declaration of love  
Tulip, Variegated: Beautiful eyes

## **V**

Violet: Modesty and Simplicity  
Viscaria: Will you dance with me?

## **W**

Wallflower: Friendship and Adversity  
Water Lily: Eloquence and Persuasion  
Wisteria: Youth and Poetry

## **X**

Xeranthemum: Eternity and Immortality

## **Y**

Yarrow: Healing

## **Z**

Zinnia: Thoughts of Absent Friends  
Zinnia, Pink: Lasting Affection



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