

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:

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- 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

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- 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

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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

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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

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

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

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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

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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

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

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

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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

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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

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Narcissus: Egotism, Formality
Nasturtium: Patriotism

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

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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

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Queen Anne's Lace: Fantasy

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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

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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

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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

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

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

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Xeranthemum: Eternity and Immortality

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Yarrow: Healing

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



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