

## **50 Latin Names of Plants**

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### **Latin names you already know**

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| 1. <i>Aster</i>   | 11. <i>Salvia</i>        | 21. <i>Eucalyptus</i>   |
| 2. <i>Cactus</i>  | 12. <i>Verbena</i>       | 22. <i>Geranium</i>     |
| 3. <i>Canna</i>   | 13. <i>Vinca</i>         | 23. <i>Hibiscus</i>     |
| 4. <i>Cosmos</i>  | 14. <i>Yucca</i>         | 24. <i>Hydrangea</i>    |
| 5. <i>Crocus</i>  | 15. <i>Zinnia</i>        | 25. <i>Magnolia</i>     |
| 6. <i>Ginkgo</i>  | 16. <i>Anemone</i>       | 26. <i>Narcissus</i>    |
| 7. <i>Hosta</i>   | 17. <i>Asparagus</i>     | 27. <i>Rhododendron</i> |
| 8. <i>Iris</i>    | 18. <i>Begonia</i>       | 28. <i>Veronica</i>     |
| 9. <i>Petunia</i> | 19. <i>Chrysanthemum</i> | 29. <i>Wisteria</i>     |
| 10. <i>Phlox</i>  | 20. <i>Delphinium</i>    |                         |

### **More Latin names: some you know, some you might not**

(These are plants with no common name, an uncommon common name, or too many common names)

30. *Agave* (a-GAH-vee)
31. *Astilbe* (a-STILL-bee) False Spirea, False Goat's Beard
32. *Coreopsis* kor-ee-OP-sis Tickseed
33. *Cyclamen* (SIGH-kla-men, also sick-la-men)
34. *Gazania* (gah-ZAY-nee-uh) Treasure Flower
35. *Gerbera* (GUR-bur-uh)
36. *Ligularia* (lig-yoo-LAR-ee-uh) Golden Grounel
37. *Nemesia* (na-MEE-see-uh)
38. *Plectranthus* (plek-TRAN-thus) Spur Flower
39. *Ajuga* (ah-JOO-gah) Bugleweed
40. *Cleome* (klee-OH-mee) Spiderflower
41. *Diascia* (dy-ASS-ee-uh, also die-ASH-ee-uh) Twinspur
42. *Echeveria* (etch-a-VER-ee-ah is the Spanish pronunciation most used in US, and the most like the man's name, however eck-a-VER-ee-ah is the Latinized version somewhat strangely preferred by Fine Gardening magazine -- you decide!)
43. *Echinacea* (ek-in-NAY-shah, ek-in-AY-see-ah) Coneflower
44. *Epimedium* (eh-pih-MEE-dee-um) Barrenwort, Rowdy Lamb Herb, Horny Goat Weed (some of the best common names ever!)
45. *Euphorbia* (yew-FOR-bee-ah) Spurge
46. *Fritillaria* (frit-ill-AR-ee-uh) common name depends on species (but one is Dirty Diaper!)
47. *Geum* (JEE-um) Avens
48. *Gomphrena* (gom-FREE-nuh) Globe Amaranth
49. *Helenium* (heh-LEEN-ee-um) Sneezeweed, Helen's Flower
50. *Verbena bonariensis* (ver-BEE-nuh boh-nar-ee-EN-sis) Brazilian Verbena, Purpletop Vervain

Online pronunciation guides: <http://davesgarden.com/guides/botany/>  
<http://www.finegardening.com/pguide/pronunciation-guide-to-botanical-latin.aspx>