

Latin Roots Catalogue (By Language) — 45 Entries

Latin Name	English Name	Etymology Type	Meaning / Origin	Keywords
Magnolia	Magnolia	Commemorative	Named after Pierre Magnol	Memory / Legacy / Honour
Camellia	Camellia / Tea	Commemorative	Named after Jesuit Georg Kamel	Dedication / Connection / Exchange
Begonia	Begonia	Commemorative	Named after Michel Bégon	Friendship / Patronage / Honour
Lagerstroemia	Crape myrtle	Commemorative	Named after Magnus von Lagerström	Exchange / Friendship / Trade
Lycoris	Spider lily	Commemorative	Named after Roman actress Lycoris	Fame / Beauty / Legacy
Cymbidium	Orchid	Form-based	Greek 'kymbe' meaning 'boat-shaped'	Shape / Petal / Structure
Iris	Iris	Symbolic	Greek for 'rainbow'	Colour / Transition / Spectrum
Paeonia	Peony	Symbolic	From Paeon, physician of the gods	Healing / Strength / Divine
Hibiscus	Hibiscus	Form-based	Greek 'hibiskos' (mallow)	Softness / Flower / Form
Rosa	Rose	Sensory / Colour	Latin for 'rose' or 'red flower'	Fragrance / Beauty / Emotion
Myrica	Bayberry	Sensory	Greek 'myrike', aromatic shrub	Scent / Texture / Touch
Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthemum	Sensory / Colour	Greek 'chrysos' (gold) + 'anthemon' (flower)	Brightness / Longevity / Light
Nelumbo	Lotus	Symbolic / Geographical	From Sinhalese 'Nelum'	Water / Purity / Asia
Thea	Tea plant	Functional / Geographical	Greek 'Thea' meaning 'goddess' and 'tea'	Cultivation / Ritual / Drink
Fabaceae	Pea family	Functional	From 'faba' (bean)	Seed / Growth / Agriculture
Annona	Custard apple	Functional	Latin 'annona' (harvest, supply)	Fertility / Food / Abundance
Diospyros	Persimmon	Symbolic	Greek 'dios' (divine) + 'pyros' (grain)	Sacred / Nourishment / Fruit
Prunus	Plum / Cherry	Form-based	Latin 'prunum' (plum)	Fruit / Fertility / Bloom
Vitis	Grape	Form-based	Latin 'vitis' (vine)	Cluster / Growth / Continuity
Citrus	Citrus	Functional	Latin 'citrus' (citron tree)	Fragrance / Fruit / Use
Psidium	Guava	Functional	Latin 'psidion' (pomegranate-like fruit)	Seed / Fruit / Tropic
Myrica rubra	Bayberry	Sensory	Aromatic shrub from Greek origin	Scent / Touch / Texture
Caesalpinia	Peacock flower	Commemorative	Named after botanist Andrea Caesalpino	Science / Tribute / Colour
Nephelium	Lychee	Geographical	Greek 'nephelion' (small cloud)	Tropical / Soft / Exotic
Enkianthus	Redbell	Form-based	Greek 'enkyos' (pregnant) + 'anthos' (flower)	Bell / Form / Layer
Alpinia	Galangal	Commemorative	Named after Prospero Alpini	Medicine / Exploration / Legacy
Artabotrys	Ylang-ylang vine	Functional	Greek 'artos' (bread) + 'botrys' (grape cluster)	Cluster / Fragrance / Form
Bletilla	Hyacinth orchid	Form-based	Named after botanist Louis Blet	Delicate / Orchid / Petal
Annona glabra	Custard apple	Functional	Derived from 'annona' (harvest, supply)	Food / Abundance / Fertility
Annonaceae	Custard apple family	Functional	Family name from genus Annona	System / Taxonomy / Classification
Hypericum	St. John's wort	Sensory	Greek 'hyper' (above) + 'eikon' (image)	Light / Blessing / Summer
Lantana	Lantana	Form-based	From Latin name of viburnum	Cluster / Small / Round
Lycoris aurea	Golden spider lily	Commemorative	Named after Lycoris, Roman figure	Fame / Light / Grace
Magnolia denudata	Yulan magnolia	Commemorative	Named after Pierre Magnol	Legacy / Discovery / Honour
Magnolia liliiflora	Lily magnolia	Commemorative	Named after Pierre Magnol	Memory / Form / Recognition

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<i>Myrica</i>	Bayberry	Sensory	Aromatic plant from Greek 'myrike'	Fragrance / Texture / Rough
<i>Nerium</i>	Oleander	Form-based	Greek 'nerion' (water plant)	Evergreen / Water / Leaf
<i>Pumelo</i>	Pomelo	Geographical	From Dutch 'pompelmoes'	Citrus / Trade / Asia
<i>Clerodendrum</i>	Glorybower	Symbolic	Greek 'kleros' (lot) + 'dendron' (tree)	Divine / Tree / Symbol
<i>Cymbidium ensifolium</i>	Sword-leaf orchid	Form-based	Greek 'kymbe' (boat) + 'ensifolium' (sword-leaved)	Leaf / Blade / Orchid
<i>Hibiscus trionum</i>	Flower-of-the-hour	Form-based	Greek 'hibiskos' (mallow)	Ephemeral / Petal / Sun
<i>Nelumbo nucifera</i>	Sacred lotus	Symbolic / Geographical	From Sinhalese 'Nelum'	Purity / Water / Sacred
<i>Rosa chinensis</i>	China rose	Sensory / Colour	Latin 'rosa' (rose)	Fragrance / Repetition / Love
Fabaceae (family)	Pea family	Functional	From 'faba' (bean)	Seed / System / Taxonomy
<i>Thea sinensis</i>	Tea plant	Functional / Geographical	From Greek 'Thea' (tea)	Ritual / Trade / Drink
<i>Enkianthus</i> sp.	Redbell	Form-based	Greek 'enkyos' (pregnant) + 'anthos' (flower)	Bell / Layer / Subtle

Summary by Root Type (with Percentages)

Root Type	Count	Percentage	Representative Examples	Conceptual Meaning
Commemorative	9	20%	Magnolia, Camellia, Begonia, Lagerstroemia, Lycoris	Naming as memory, honour and human legacy
Form-based	10	22%	Cymbidium, Hibiscus, Vitis, Prunus, Paeonia	Language describes geometry and structure
Sensory / Colour	9	20%	Rosa, Chrysanthemum, Myrica, Hypericum	Translation of perception — scent, light, texture
Symbolic / Mythic	5	11%	Iris, Diospyros, Paeonia, Nelumbo, Magnolia	Myth and spirituality embedded in naming
Functional / Botanical	7	16%	Fabaceae, Annona, Thea, Citrus, Alpinia	Naming by use, cultivation, or function
Geographical / Cultural	5	11%	Nelumbo, Thea, Camellia sinensis, Annona, Nephelium	Global translation — plants as cultural travelers