

THE BIRTH FLOWER CHART

23 flowers, the shapes each is built from, and what it was printed to mean

JANUARY

Carnation

a tight cup filled with zigzag edges
Alas! for my poor heart.

Snowdrop

3 petals hanging off a bent stalk
Hope.

FEBRUARY

Violet

5 rounded petals, 2 up and 3 down
Modesty.

Iris

3 petals falling, 3 standing
Message.

MARCH

Daffodil

a cup sitting on a star
Regard.

Jonquil

the same cup, smaller, several to a stem
I desire a return of affection.

APRIL

Daisy

one dot and a ring of thin petals
Innocence.

Sweet Pea

two frills and one curling tendril
Delicate pleasures.

MAY

Lily of the Valley

small bells hung along an arch
Return of happiness.

Hawthorn

flat 5-petalled flowers in loose clusters
Hope.

JUNE

Rose

a spiral, then cupped petals outwards
Love.

Honeysuckle

long tubes flaring from one point
Generous and devoted affection.

JULY

Delphinium

a spire, densest at the bottom
Lightness. Levity.

Water Lily

a cup of pointed petals on a flat pad
Purity of heart.

AUGUST

Gladiolus

open flowers low, tight buds on top
not in the 1884 book

Poppy

4 crumpled petals round a dark middle
Consolation.

SEPTEMBER

Aster

many thin petals, a small dark centre
Variety. Afterthought.

Morning Glory

a trumpet, drawn from the side
Affectation.

OCTOBER

Marigold

a ball of tight ruffles, outside in
warmth and creativity

Cosmos

8 notched petals on a thread-thin stem
not in the 1884 book

NOVEMBER

Chrysanthemum

petals curling inwards, outside in
I love.

DECEMBER

Holly

one spiked leaf and 3 berries
Foresight.

Narcissus

the daffodil cup gone shallow
Egotism.

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Meanings as printed in an 1884 flower dictionary.

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