



TAXONOMICAL FAMILIES of HOUSEPLANTS

Scientific and (Common Names) - compiled in 2021 by Interiors Horticulture Team

ACANTHACEAE

Aphelandra squarrosa (Zebra Plant), *Fittonia* (Nerve Plant), *Hemigraphis* (Waffle Plant/Red Ivy), *Hypoestes* (Polka-Dot Plant).

AMARYLLIDACEAE

Clivia miniata (Natal Lily), *Hippeastrum* (Amaryllis).

APOCYNACEAE

Hoya (Wax Plant), *Orbea* & *Stapelia* (Starfish Cactus).

ARACEAE

Aglaonema (Chinese Evergreen), *Anthurium* (Flamingo Flower & Bird's Nest Anthuriums), *Dieffenbachia* (Dumb Cane), *Epipremnum* (Pothos), *Homalomena* (King of Hearts), *Monstera* (Swiss Cheese Plant), *Philodendron*, *Scindapsus* (Satin Pothos), *Spathiphyllum* (Peace Lily), *Syngonium* (Arrowhead Plant/Nephtytis), *Zamioculcas* (ZZ Plant).

ARALIACEAE

Fatsia japonica (Japanese Aralia), *Hedera helix* (English Ivy), *Polyscias* (Aralias), *Schefflera* (Umbrella tree & False Aralia).

ARECACEAE

Caryota (Fishtail Palm), *Chamaedorea* (Parlor Palm or Cascade Palm), *Dypsis* (Areca Palm), *Howea* (Kentia Palm), *Phoenix* (Pigmy Date Palm), *Rhapis* (Lady Palm).

ASPARAGACEAE

Aspidistra elatior (Cast Iron Plant), *Beaucarnea* (Ponytail Palm), *Chlorophytum* (Spider Plant), *Dracaena fragrans* (Corn Plant), *Dracaena marginata* (Dragon Tree), *Dracaena reflexa* (Pleomele), *Dracaena trifasciata* & *D. zeylanica* (Snake Plants), *Ledebouria* (Silver squill), *Yucca* (Spineless Yucca).

ASPHODELACEAE

Aloe, *Gasteria* (Cow Tongue/Ox Tongue), *Haworthia*, *Haworthiopsis* (Zebra Cactus).

ASPLENIACEAE

Asplenium nidus (Bird's Nest Fern).



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ASTERACEAE

Curio radicans (String-of-Bananas), *Curio repens* (Blue Chalksticks), *Curio rowleyanus* (String-of-Pearls), *Gerbera x hybrida* (Gerber Daisy), *Gynura aurantica* (Purple Velvet Plant), *Kleinia stapelliformis* (Pickle Plant).

BEGONIACEAE

Begonia rex (Painted-leaf), *Begonia* sp. (*Cultivars of: Cane, Rhizomatous, Tuberous Begonias).

BIGNONIACEAE

Radermachera sinica (China Doll).

BROMELIACEAE

Aechmea (Urn Plant/Vase Plant), *Guzmania* (Tufted Air Plant), *Neoregelia* (Blushing Bromeliad), *Orthophytum gurkenii*, *Tillandsia* (Air Plants), *Vriesea* (Flaming Sword).

CACTACEAE

Aporocactus (Rat Tail Cactus), *Astrophytum* (Bishop's Hat), *Cleistocactus* (Monkey Tail Cactus), *Disocactus* (Orchid Cactus), *Epiphyllum* (Queen of the Night), *Ferocactus* (Barrel Cactus), *Kroenleinia grusonii* (Golden Barrel Cactus), *Mammillaria* (Fishhook Cactus), *Opuntia* (Bunny Ears Cactus), *Rhipsalis* (Mistletoe Cactus), *Schlumbergera* (Thanksgiving/Christmas Cactus/ Easter Cactus).

COMMELINACEAE

Callisia repens (Turtle Vine), *Dichorisandra penduliflora* (Weeping Blue Ginger), *Tradescantia pallida* (Purple Heart/Spiderwort), *Tradescantia sillamontana* (Cobweb Spiderwort), *Tradescantia spathacea* (Moses-in-the-Cradle/Boat Lily), *Tradescantia zebrina* (Inch Plant/Spiderwort).

CRASSULACEAE

Aeonium (Pinwheel), *Crassula* (Jade Plant), *Echeveria* (Hen & Chicks), *Graptopetalum* (Leatherpetal), *Kalanchoe*, *Sedum* (Stonecrops & Donkey's Tail).

EUPHORBIACEAE

Euphorbia lactea (Coral Cactus & Candelabra Spurge), *Euphorbia milii* (Crown of Thorns), *Euphorbia pulcherrima* (Poinsettia), *Euphorbia tirucalii* (Pencil Cactus), *Euphorbia tithymaloides* (Devil's Backbone), *Euphorbia xylophyloides* (Paddle cactus).

GESNERIACEAE

Aeschynanthus radicans (Lipstick Vine), *Alsobia dianthiflora* (Laceflower Vine), *Episcia cupreata* (Flame Violet), *Sinningia speciosa* (Gloxinia), *Streptocarpus ionanthus* (African violets).



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MARANTACEAE

Goepertia (Calatheas, Rattlesnake Plant), *Ctenanthe* (Fishbone Prayer Plant), *Maranta* (Prayer Plant), *Stromanthe*.

MELASTOMATACEAE

Medinilla cummingii (Chandelier Tree), *Medinilla magnifica* (Showy Medinilla), *Medinilla multiflora* (Malaysian Orchid).

MORACEAE

Dorstenia elata (Congo Fig), *Ficus benjamina* (Weeping Fig), *Ficus elastica* (Rubber Plant), *Ficus lyrata* (Fiddle-Leaf Fig), *Ficus maclellandii* (Banana Leaf Fig), *Ficus microcarpa* (Indian Laurel or Banyan Tree), *Ficus pumila* (Creeping Fig).

ORCHIDACEAE

Cattleya (Corsage Orchid), *Cymbidium* (Boat orchid), *Dendrobium* (Cane Orchid), *Oncidium* (Dancing Ladies), *Phalaenopsis* (Moth orchid), *Paphiopedilum* (Tropical Lady's Slipper), *Zygopetalum*.

OXALIDACEAE

Oxalis triangularis (False Shamrock/Purple Woodsorrel).

PIPERACEAE

Peperomia (Radiator plants).

POLYPODIACEAE

Arachnioides (East Indian Holly Fern), *Cyrtomium* (Holly Fern), *Davallia* (Rabbit's Foot Fern), *Microsorium* (Kangaroo Paw Fern), *Nephrolepis* (Boston Fern & Sword Fern), *Platynerium* (Staghorn Fern), *Polystichium* (Christmas Fern).

PRIMULACEAE

Cyclamen (Persian violet).

PTERIDACEAE

Adiantum (Maidenhair Fern), *Pteris* (Ribbon/Brake Fern).

URTICACEAE

Pilea (Friendship Plant/Aluminum Plant), *Pilea peperomioides* (Chinese Money Plant), *Pellionia pulchra* (Polynesian Ivy or Watermelon vine).