

## FLORA EUROPAEA: SYNOPSIS OF FAMILIES

Numbering follows *Flora Europaea*, but with Roman numerals from 81 onwards.

Families in *italics* are largely insignificant in the European flora. Those marked with a \* are not native in Europe.

### Ferns

1	<i>Psilotaceae</i>	<i>Whisk Fern Family</i>
2	Lycopodiaceae	Clubmoss Family
3	Selaginellaceae	Lesser Clubmoss Family
4	Isoetaceae	Quillwort Family
5	Equisetaceae	Horsetail Family
6	Ophioglossaceae	Adderstongue Family
7	Osmundaceae	Royal Fern Family
8	<i>Parkeriaceae*</i>	<i>Water Hornfern Family</i>
9	Adiantaceae	Maidenhair Fern Family
10	<i>Pteridaceae</i>	<i>Pteris Family</i>
11	Hymenophyllaceae	Filmy Fern Family
12	Polypodiaceae	Polypody Family
13	<i>Grammitidaceae*</i>	<i>Finger-fern Family</i>
14	<i>Dicksoniaceae*</i>	<i>Tree Fern Family*</i>
15	Hypolepidaceae	Bracken Family
16	Thelypteridaceae	Marsh Fern Family
17	Aspleniaceae	Spleenwort Family
18	Woodsiaceae	Woodsia Family
19	Dryopteridaceae	Buckler Fern Family
20	<i>Lomariopsidaceae</i>	<i>Sword-fern Family</i>
21	<i>Davalliaceae</i>	<i>Davallia Family</i>
22	Blechnaceae	Hard Fern Family
23	Marsileaceae	Pillwort Family
24	Salviniaceae	Floating Fern Family
25	Azollaceae	Water Fern Family

### Conifers

26	Pinaceae	Pine Family
27	Taxodiaceae*	Sequoia Family*
28	Cupressaceae	Juniper Family
29	Taxaceae	Yew Family
30	Ephedraceae	Ephedra Family

### Flowering Plants (Dicots)

31	Salicaceae	Willow Family
32	Myricaceae	Bog Myrtle Family
33	Juglandaceae	Walnut Family

34	Betulaceae	Birch Family
35	Corylaceae	Hornbeam Family
36	Fagaceae	Beech Family
37	Ulmaceae	Elm Family
38	Moraceae	Mulberry Family
39	Cannabaceae*	Hop Family*
40	Urticaceae	Nettle Family
41	<i>Proteaceae*</i>	<i>Protea Family*</i>
42	Santalaceae	Bastard-toadflax Family
43	Loranthaceae	Mistletoe Family
44	Aristolochiaceae	Birthwort Family
45	Rafflesiaceae	Rafflesia Family
46	Balanaphoraceae	Cynomorium Family
47	Polygonaceae	Dock Family
48	Chenopodiaceae	Fat-hen Family
49	Amaranthaceae	Pigweed Family
50	Nyctaginaceae	Bougainvillea Family
51	<i>Phytolaccaceae*</i>	<i>Pokeweed Family*</i>
52	Aizoaceae	Mesembryanthemum Family
53	Molluginaceae	Mollugo Family
54	<i>Tetragoniaceae*</i>	<i>Tetragonia Family</i>
55	Portulacaceae	Montia Family
56	<i>Basellaceae*</i>	<i>Madeira-vine Family</i>
57	Caryophyllaceae	Pink Family
58	Nymphaeaceae	Water-lily Family
59	<i>Nelumbonaceae</i>	<i>Nelumbo Family</i>
60	Ceratophyllaceae	Hornwort Family
61	Ranunculaceae	Buttercup Family
62	Paeoniaceae	Paeony Family
63	Berbericeae	Barberry Family
64	Magnoliaceae*	Magnolia Family*
65	Lauraceae	Laurel Family
66	Papaveraceae	Poppy Family
67	Capparaceae	Caper Family
68	Cruciferae (= Brassicaceae)	Cabbage Family
69	Resedaceae	Mignonette Family
70	Sarraceniaceae*	Pitcher-plant Family*
71	Droseraceae	Sundew Family

72	Crassulaceae	Stonecrop Family
73	Saxifragaceae	Saxifrage Family
74	Parnassiaceae	Grass-of-Parnassus family
75	Hydrangeaceae	Hydrangea Family
76	Escalloniaceae*	Escallonia Family
77	Grossulariaceae	Current Family
78	Pittosporaceae*	Pittosporum Family*
79	Platanaceae	Plane Family
80	Rosacea	Rose Family
81	Leguminosae (= Fabaceae)	Pea Family
82	Oxalidaceae	Sorrel Family
83	Geraniaceae	Cranesbill Family
84	<i>Tropaeolaceae*</i>	<i>Nasturtium Family*</i>
85	Zygophyllaceae	Caltrop Family
86	Linaceae	Flax Family
87	Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family
88	Rutacea	Rue Family
89	Cneoraceae	Cneorum Family
90	<i>Simaroubaceae*</i>	<i>Tree of Heaven Family*</i>
91	<i>Meliaceae*</i>	<i>Persian Lilac Family*</i>
92	Polygalaceae	Milkwort Family
93	Coriariaceae	Coriaria Family
94	Anacardiaceae	Pistachio Family
95	Aceraceae	Maple Family
96	<i>Sapindaceae*</i>	<i>Sapinda Family*</i>
97	Hippocastanaceae	Horse-chestnut Family
98	Balsaminaceae	Balsam Family
99	Aquilifoliaceae	Holly Family
100	Celastraceae	Spindle Family
101	Staphyleaceae	Bladder-nut Family
102	Buxaceae	Box Family
103	Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family
104	Vitaceae	Vine Family
105	Tiliaceae	Lime Family
106	Malvaceae	Mallow Family
107	Thymelaeaceae	Daphne Family
108	Elaeagnaceae	Sea-buckthorn Family
109	Guttiferae (= Hypericaceae)	St John's-wort Family
110	Violaceae	Violet Family
111	Passifloraceae*	Passion-flower Family*
112	Cistaceae	Rockrose Family
113	Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk Family

114	Frankeniaceae	Sea-heath Family
115	Elatinaceae	Waterwort Family
116	<i>Datisceae</i> *	<i>Datisca</i> Family*
117	Cucurbitaceae	Cucumber Family
118	Cactaceae*	Cactus Family*
119	Lythraceae	Loosestrife Family
120	Trapaceae	Water-chestnut Family
121	Myrtaceae	Myrtle Family
122	<i>Punicaceae</i> *	<i>Pomegranate</i> Family*
123	Onagraceae	Willowherb Family
124	Haloragaceae	Water-milfoil Family
125	<i>Theligonaceae</i>	<i>Theligonium</i> Family
126	Hippuridaceae	Mare's-tail Family
127	Cornaceae	Dogwood Family
128	Araliaceae	Ivy Family
129	Umbelliferae (= Apiaceae)	Carrot Family
130	Diapensia	Diapensia Family
131	Pyrolaceae	Wintergreen Family
132	Ericaceae	Heather Family
133	Empetraceae	Crowberry Family
134	<i>Myrsinaceae</i>	<i>Myrsine</i> Family
135	Primulaceae	Primrose Family
136	Plumbaginaceae	Sea-lavender Family
137	<i>Ebenaceae</i> *	<i>Persimmon</i> Family*
138	Styracaceae	Styrax Family
139	Oleaceae	Olive Family
140	Gentianaceae	Gentian Family
141	Menyanthaceae	Bogbean Family
142	Apocynaceae	Periwinkle Family
143	Asclepiadaceae	Milkweed Family
144	Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family
145	Polemoniaceae	Jacob's-Ladder Family
146	Convolvulaceae	Bindweed Family
147	<i>Hydrophyllaceae</i> *	<i>Phacelia</i> Family*
148	Boraginaceae	Borage Family
149	Verbenaceae	Vervain Family
150	Callitrichaceae	Water-starwort Family
151	Labiatae (= Lamiaceae)	Labiatae Family

152	Solanacea	Nightshade Family
153	Buddlejaceae	Buddleia Family
154	Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family
155	Globulariaceae	Globularia Family
156	Acanthaceae	Acanthus Family
157	<i>Pedaliaceae*</i>	<i>Sesame Family*</i>
158	<i>Martyniaceae*</i>	<i>Unicorn-plant Family*</i>
159	Gesneriaceae	African Violet Family
160	Orobanchaceae	Broomrape Family
161	Lentibulariaceae	Bladderwort Family
162	<i>Myoporaceae*</i>	<i>Myoporum Family*</i>
163	Plantaginaceae	Plantain Family
164	Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle Family
165	Adoxaceae	Moschatel Family
166	Valerianaceae	Valerian Family
167	Dipsacaceae	Teasel Family
168	Campanulaceae	Bellflower Family
169	Compositae (= Asteraceae)	Daisy Family

#### Flowering Plants (Dicots)

170	Alismataceae	Water-plantain Family
171	Butomaceae	Flowering-rush Family
172	Hydrocharitaceae	Frogbit Family
173	Scheuchzeriaceae	Rannoch-rush Family
174	<i>Aponogetonaceae*</i>	<i>Cape Pondweed Family*</i>
175	Juncaginaceae	Arrowgrass Family
176	<i>Lilaeacea*</i>	<i>Flowering-quillwort Family</i>
177	Potamogetonaceae	Pondweed Family
178	Ruppiceae	Tasselweed family
179	Posidoniaceae	Seagrass Family
180	Zosteraceae	Eelgrass Family
181	Zannichelliaceae	Horned Pondweed Family
182	Najadaceae	Naiad Family
183	Liliaceae	Lily Family
184	Agavaceae	Agave Family
185	Amaryllidaceae	Daffodil family
186	Dioscoreaceae	Black Bryony Family
187	<i>Pontederiaceae*</i>	<i>Pickereelweed Family*</i>
188	Iridaceae	Iris Family
189	Juncaceae	Rush Family
190	<i>Bromeliaceae*</i>	<i>Bromeliad Family*</i>
191	<i>Commelinaceae*</i>	<i>Spiderwort Family*</i>
192	Eriocaulacea	Pipewort Family

193	Gramineae (= Poaceae)	Grass Family
194	Palmae (= Arecaceae)	Palm Family
195	Araceae	Arum Family
196	Lemnaceae	Duckweed Family
197	Sparganiaceae	Bur-reed Family
198	Typhaceae	Bulrush Family
199	Cyperaceae	Sedge Family
200	<i>Muscaceae</i> *	<i>Banana Family</i> *
201	<i>Zingiberaceae</i> *	<i>Ginger Family</i> *
202	<i>Cannaceae</i> *	<i>Canna-lily Family</i> *
203	Orchidaceae	Orchid Family

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