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Names for plants resembling other
things

Names recognizing famous people

RESEMBLING OTHER THINGS

- Rosmarinifolius – leaves like those of rosemary plants
- Salicifolius – leaves like those of willow trees and shrubs
- Quercifolius – leaves like those of oak trees
- Primuloides – leaves/flowers like those of primroses
- Arboreus - having the form or size of a tree



Ozothamnus rosmarinifolius
rosmarinifolius – with leaves like rosemary

Common name – Rosemary Everlasting

This evergreen shrub from Australia is hardy in the Pacific Northwest. This is a photo of the 'Silver Jubilee' cultivar. Great for a full-sun, drought-tolerant garden. Pink flower buds last a long time before opening to tiny white flowers.



Cotoneaster salicifolius
salicifolius – willow-leaved

Common name – Willowleaf Cotoneaster

A drought-tolerant small to medium sized evergreen to semi-evergreen shrub native to China. Branches have a wide arching habit.



Hydrangea quercifolia
quercifolia – with oak-like leaves

Common name – Oakleaf Hydrangea or Oak-leaved Hydrangea

A popular form of hydrangea with very showy blossoms, but whose leaves closely resemble an oak leaf, native to the Southeastern United States.



Hydrangea quercifolia

IN FALL!!



Erythranthe primuloides
primuloides – like a primrose

Common Name – Primrose Monkey-flower

Formerly known as *Mimulus primuloides*

This plant is a perennial herb from the western United States growing in wet habitats. It can be found growing from 2,000 to 11,000 feet in the Eastern Sierra Nevadas.



Lupinus arboreus
arboreus – tree-like

Common name – Tree Lupine or Yellow-Bush Lupine

Shrub found growing widely along the coast of California – thought to be native to from Point Reyes to San Luis Obispo.

Has won RHS Award of Garden Merit or is it a noxious weed!!??

RESEMBLING ANIMALS

- Arcturus – like a bear's tail
- Crista-galli – like a cock's comb
- Tigrinus – like a tiger
- Pes-caprae – like goat's foot
- Papilio – like a butterfly



Verbascum arcturus

arcturus – like a bear’s tail

Common name – Cretan Bear’s Tail

This plant happily grows in crevices on cliff faces and other inhospitable places, is drought tolerant and deer resistant but also good in the front of borders and in containers. Long lasting blooms from Spring through Summer.





Erythrina crista-galli

crista-galli – like a cock's comb

Common Name – Cockspur Coral Tree

This tree which is native to South America has been widely planted as a street tree in Southern California. It is the national tree of Argentina and national flower of Uruguay.



Another close-up of the flower





Mimulus tigrinus
tigrinus – like a tiger

Common name - Tiger Monkey-flower

A bright-flowering annual wildflower whose genus and species both refer to animals! Mimulus refers to the flower shape being like that of a clown monkey face and tigrinus refers to this particular species being striped like a tiger.

Tiger or leopard?!





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Ipomoea pes-caprae

pes-caprae – like a goat's foot

Common Names – Bayhops, Beach Morning Glory or Goat's Foot

A prostrate perennial creeping vine native to tropical shores of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. Its seeds float and are not affected by saltwater, thus its wide dispersal along beaches and is a primary sand stabilizer.





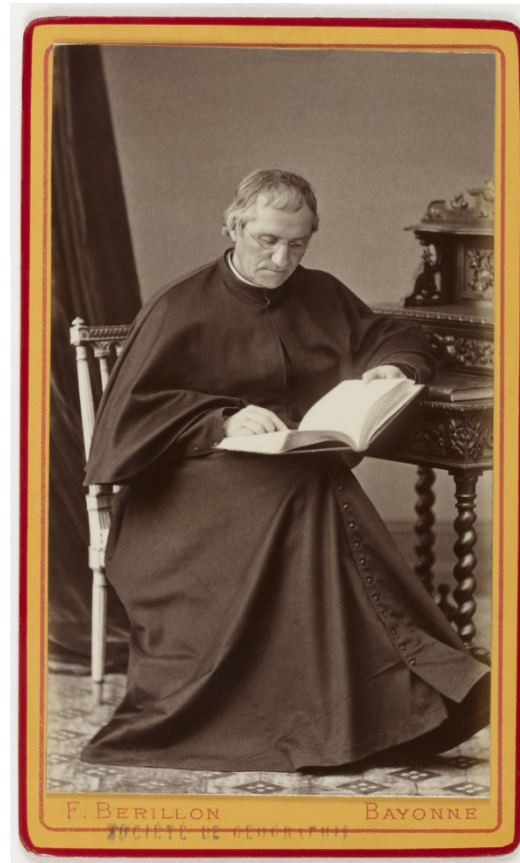
Hippeastrum papilio
papilio – like a butterfly

Common name – Butterfly Amaryllis

This flowering perennial was found in the tropical rainforests of southern Brazil in the 1960s. It is endangered but is becoming increasingly popular.

Plants Recognizing Famous Male Horticulturists

- Armandii – after Father Armand David
- Banksii – after Joseph Banks
- Douglasii – after David Douglas
- Menziesii – after Archibald Menzies
- Edgeworthia – after Michael Pakenham Edgeworth



Father David Armand – 1826-1900

A French Lazarist missionary who was also a zoologist and botanist - famous for “discovering” the Panda Bear in China – he sent back to Paris over 52 species of rhododendron and 40 species of primulae among countless other plant species. He had plants named for him after both his forename and surname.



Buddleia davidii

davidii – after Pere David Armand

Common names – Summer Lilac, Orange Eye or Butterfly-Bush

Ornamental shrub named after Pere David Armand which is cultivated worldwide.

Armand was the first European to report the shrub, another botanist actually found it and yet another exported the first seed. The plant was first for sale in the 1890's.



Clematis armandii
armandii – after Pere David Armand

Common Name – Armand Clematis or Evergreen Clematis

A popular evergreen clematis with a sweetly fragrant blossom in late winter to early spring native to China and northern Burma.



David Douglas 1799-1834

Scottish botanist who studied under William Jackson Hooker at Glasgow University. He made three trips to N. America, first to eastern N. America, then secondly to the Pacific Northwest and the third from the Columbia River to San Francisco and to Hawaii. Second trip considered his most successful. He introduced the Douglas Fir into cultivation in 1827. Died in Hawaii at the age of 35.



Spirea douglasii
douglasii – after David Douglas

Common names: Hardhack, Hardhack Steeplebush, Douglas Spirea, Steeplebush and Rose Spirea

Native from Alaska to Pacific Northwest – imported to Europe and considered invasive in some areas. Prefers wetlands but will grow anywhere.

Archibald Menzies

1754 - 1842

A Scottish surgeon, naturalist and botanist who served with the Royal Navy.





Pseudotsuga menziesii
menziesii – after Archibald Menzies

Common names – Douglas Fir, Douglas-fir, Oregon Pine, Douglas Spruce, Red Fir, Red Pine , Puget Sound Pine, False Hemlock and Columbian Pine

The common name Douglas Fir is misleading because it is not actually in the fir genus of *Abies*. It is in the *pseudotsuga* genus.

First documented by Menzies in 1794 on Vancouver Island.



Michael Pakenham Edgeworth 1812-1881

An Irish-born botanist born into a family of 24 children. He specialized in collecting seeds and ferns. Studied at the University of Edinburgh and spent most of his career in India.



Edgeworthia chrysantha

edgeworthia – after Michael Pakenham Edgeworth

Common names – Chinese Paperbush, Edgeworthia

Native to the Himalayas and China – prized for its bark from which quality paper was made

PLANTS RECOGNIZING FAMOUS FEMALES

Danfordiae – after Mrs. C. G. Danford

Florindae – after Florinda N. Thompson

Regina-Olgae – after Queen Olga of Greece

Robbiae – after Mary Ann Robb

Wilmottianum – after Ellen Ann Willmott



Iris reticulata danfordiae
danfordiae – after Mrs. C. G. Danford

Common names – Dwarf Iris, Buttercup Iris or Danford's Iris

This species was introduced from Cilicia, Turkey and was named after Mrs. Danford, who was an English plant hunter of the Asia Minor regions. She discovered it in 1876. It is one of the first in the reticulata group to bloom, often in early February.



Primula florindae

florindae – after Florinda N. Thompson

Common names – Giant Cowslip, Tibetan Cowslip, Bog Primula, Himalayan Cowslip, Tibetan Primrose, Florinda Primrose

Native to southeastern Tibet, this very fragrant long-lived perennial grows up to 4 feet tall and increases yearly; takes full sun to shade, moist soil and deer and rabbits don't like it!

Florinda was the first wife of Francis Kingdon-Ward , a British Botanist who traveled extensively in Tibet, NW China, Myanmar and Assam. After their divorce, Florinda stood as a Liberal Party candidate to Parliament in 1950.



Queen Olga of Greece

- Wife of King George I of Greece and a member of the Romanov family.
She was the grandmother of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.



Galanthus regina-olgae
regina-olgae – after Queen Olga of Greece

Common Name: Autumn Snowdrop, Queen Olga's Snowdrop

This plant was first described in 1876 by botanist Theodorus G. Ophanoides, a leading Greek botanist (1817-1876) and named in honor of then Queen of Greece Olga.

Native to Sicily and the Balkans, this bulb is the best known of the autumn flowering snowdrops and will tolerate dry shade.

Mary Ann Boulton Robb

1827-1912

An early photographer and the third woman to join the Photographic Society in 1853, its founding year. She was widowed with two young children at age 30 and travelled widely on the continent to practice her photography and to search for plants for her 150 acre estate in England called Chiltley Place.





Euphorbia robbiae
robbiae – after Mary Ann Robb

Common names – Wood Spurge , Robb's Spurge or Mrs. Robb's Hatbox
This herbaceous perennial thrives in well-drained sunny locations

Miss Ellen Ann Willmott 1858-1934

English Horticulturalist who is said to have cultivated 100,000 species and cultivars of plants. Over 60 plants have been named after her or her 33 acre estate called Warley Place in Essex.



Warley Place Nature Reserve





Ceratostigma willmottianum
willmottianum – after Ellen Ann Willmott

Common name – Chinese Plumbago

An ornamental deciduous shrub known for its late season red leaves and blue flowers.

NEXT TIME??

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- TOWNS, VILLAGES AND GARDENS