

# Scary Plants

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## Plants named after Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins

- Gaillardia 'Goblin'
- Athyrium x 'Ghost' (A. nipponicum 'Pictum' x A. filix-femina)\*
- Iris pumila 'Boo'
- Eryngium giganteum – Miss Wilmott's Ghost\*
- Acer palmatum Ghost Series – 'First Ghost', 'Grandma Ghost', 'Silver Ghost', 'Amber Ghost', 'Uncle Ghost', 'Sister Ghost', 'Purple Ghost', 'Baby Ghost'\*
- Davidia involuctata – Ghost Tree (or Handkerchief Tree or Dove Tree)\*
- Euonymus fortunei 'Wolong Ghost'\*
- Hosta 'Ghost Spirit'

## Plants Related to Dracula and Devils

- Hemerocallis 'Bela Lugosi' – Daylily\*
- Dracula spp. – a genus of orchids
- Fargesia mureliae 'Vampire', Dianthus deltoides 'Vampir', Dahlia 'Dracula' (Dark Angels Series), Iris 'Count Dracula', Rhododendron 'Dracula'
- Amorphophallus – Voodoo Lily, Devil's Tongue\* - also scary to men because the latin name means "deformed penis"
- Oplopanax horridus – Devil's Club\*
- Phygelia x rectus 'Devil's Tears' – Cape Fuchsia\*
- Physocarpus opulifolius 'Diabolo' – Ninebark\*

## Plants Related to Witches and Brooms

- Hamamelis – Witch Hazel\*
- Dianthus 'Firewitch', 'Wicked Witch' and barbatus 'Heart Attack'\*
- Paeonia mlokosewitschii – Molly the Witch Peony/Golden Peony/Caucasian Peony\*
- Digitalis – Foxglove, Witches' Thimbles\*
- Black Broom Corn Millet
- Acer palmatum 'Skeeter's Broom'\*

## Plants of a Gruesome/Bloody/Gory Nature

- Sanguinaria canadensis 'Multiplex' – Bloodroot\*
- Astrantia 'Hadspen Blood' – Masterwort\*
- Beta vulgaris 'Bull's Blood' – Beet
- Citrus sinensis – Blood Orange
- Cornus sanguinea – Bloodtwig Dogwood/Common Dogwood\*
- Geranium sanguineum – Bloody Cranesbill\*
- Haemanthus coccineus – Blood Lily\*
- Imperata cylindrica 'Red Baron' – Japanese Blood Grass\*
- Iris sanguinea – Blood Iris
- Brugmansia sanguinea – Red Angel's Trumpet
- Amaranthus caudatus – Love Lies Bleeding

## **Scary Animals – spiders, black cats, bats, wolves, snakes, toads**

- *Tacca chantieri*, *Tacca integrifolia* – Bat Plant\*
- *Cornus kousa* ‘Wolf Eyes’ – Variegated Korean Dogwood\*
- *Elaeagnus commutata* – Wolf Willow
- *Aconitum* spp. – Wolfsbane\*
- *Clematis macropetala* ‘Purple Spider’\*
- *Cleome* – Spider Flower
- *Fatsia japonica* ‘Spider’s Web’\*
- *Hosta* ‘Itsy Bitsy Spider’\*
- *Acer* spp. – Snake Bark Maples\*
- *Dracunculus vulgaris* – Snake Lily, Voodoo Lily, Black Lily, Voodoo Lily, Stink Lily\*
- *Eupatorium rugosum* ‘Chocolate’ – Snakeroot\*
- *Trillium sessile* – Toadshade Trillium\*
- *Tricyrtis* – Toad Lily\*
- *Arisaema* – Cobra Lilies\*

## **Poisonous Plants**

- *Aconitum* – Monkshood, Wolfsbane\*
- *Digitalis* – Foxglove, Witches’ Thimbles\*
- *Brugmansia* – Angel’s Trumpet\*
- *Datura* – Yerba del Diablo, Thorn Apple
- *Atropa belladonna* – Belladonna or Deadly Nightshade

## **Putrid Smelling Plants**

- *Amorphophallus* – Voodoo Lily, Devil’s Tongue\* - also scary to men because the latin name means “deformed penis”
- *Sauromatum venosum* – Voody Lily\*
- *Dracunculus vulgaris* – Snake Lily, Voodoo Lily, Black Lily, Voodoo Lily, Stink Lily\*
- *Helleborus foetidus* – Stinking Hellebore\*

## **Carnivorous Plants**

- *Dionaea muscipula* – Venus Flytrap\*
- *Sarracenia* – Pitcher Plant\*
- *Pinguicula* – Butterwort
- *Drosera* – Sundew
- *Nepenthes* – Tropical Pitcher Plant

## **Plants that Send Shivers Down Your Spine**

- *Amorphophallus* – Voodoo Lily, Devil’s Tongue\* - also scary to men because the latin name means “deformed penis”
- *Oplopanax horridus* – Devil’s Club\*
- *Alchemilla mollis* ‘Thriller’ – Lady’s Mantle
- *Dracunculus vulgaris* – Snake Lily, Voodoo Lily, Black Lily, Voodoo Lily, Stink Lily
- *Iris germanica* ‘Superstition’\*

## **The Moon**

- *Acer shirasawanum* ‘Aureum’ and ‘Autumn Moon’ -- Full Moon Maple\*
- *Helleborus* ‘Silvermoon’ – Hellebore\*
- *Hemerocallis* ‘Black Moon’, ‘Coyote Moon’, ‘Full Moon Magic’, ‘Giant Moon’, ‘Indigo Moon’, ‘Moon Witch’

## **Black Plants**

### Foliage

- *Heuchera* ‘Obsidian’, ‘Blackout’ – Coral Bells\*
- *Colocasia* ‘Black Magic’, ‘Illustris’ – Elephant Ears
- *Ophiopogon planiscapus* ‘Nigrescens’ – Black Mondo Grass\*

- Aeonium 'Zwartkop', Echeveria 'Black Prince' and 'Black Knight'\*
- Actaea (Cimicifuga) 'Hillside Black Beauty', 'Brunette' – Black Cohosh, Bugbane\*
- Aster lateriflorus 'Lady in Black', 'Prince' – Aster\*
- Ajuga reptans 'Black Scallop' – Bugleweed\*
- Albizia 'Summer Chocolate' – Silk Tree, Mimosa Tree\*
- Anthriscus silvestris 'Ravenswing' – Cow Parsely\*
- Clematis recta 'Purpurea Select'\*
- Dahlia cvs – Bishop Series, Happy Single Series, Chic Series, City Series\*
- Ensete ventricosum 'Maurellii' – Abyssinian Banana\*
- Eupatorium rugosum 'Chocolate' – Snakeroot\*
- Euphorbia 'Blackbird' – Spurge\*
- Geranium maculatum 'Espresso', 'Elizabeth Ann' – Cranesbill\*
- Nandina domestica 'Plum Passion' – Heavenly Bamboo\*
- Oxalis triangularis – False Shamrock\*
- Sambucus nigra 'Black Lace', 'Black Beauty' – Elderberry\*
- Ligularia 'Britt-Marie Crawford' – Ragwort\*

#### Flowers

- Alcea rosea 'Nigra' – Black Hollyhock\*
- Arisaema sikokianum – Cobra Lily\*
- Cosmos atrosanguineus – Chocolate Cosmos\*
- Geranium phaeum – Mourning Widow\*
- Asarum maximum – Wild Ginger\*
- Helleborus x hybridus 'Winter Dreams Black', Onyx Odyssey Strain, Black Diamond Strain – Lenten Rose\*
- Lilium 'Landini' – Asiatic Lily\*
- Iris chrysographes 'Black Form'\*
- Iris germanica 'Superstition', 'Before the Storm'\*

#### **Orange Plants**

##### Foliage

- Heuchera – 'Georgia Peach', 'Southern Comfort', 'Marmalade', 'Peach Flambe', 'Caramel'\*
- Heucherella 'Sweet Tea'\*
- Libertia perigrinans – New Zealand Iris\*

##### Flowers

- Echinacea 'Flame Thrower', 'Tangerine Dream', 'Hot Summer', 'Tiki Torch', 'Hot Papaya' – Coneflowers\*
- Gaillardia 'Oranges and Lemons' – Blanket Flower\*
- Geum coccineum 'Borisii' – Avens\*
- Hedychium coccineum 'Tara' – Hardy Ginger\*
- Crocosmia – Montbretia\*

\*Denotes plants we carry at Phoenix Perennials.