

## DELPHINIUM

Delphinium is derived from the Greek word “deplhis” that means dolphin. It refers to its closed flower buds that shape is similar to the nose of a dolphin.

Delphinium belongs to the Ranunculaceae family and has over 300 species of delphiniums. It is native to the Northern Hemisphere and known as larkspurs.

In Greek mythology, delphinium created from the blood of Aias (or Ajax), a Greek god and Trojan war hero who was died during combat.

The delphinium flower blossomed from his blood, and its petals made a letter “Ai” that means *alas* in Greek.

In modern days, delphiniums are not wild and since the 19<sup>th</sup> century has been the result of hybridization. It is one of the most popular summer flower and a perfect flower for someone whose birthday in July.

Delphiniums do not get along well in hot, dry weather and prefer moist, cool summers. The plants also hate sudden rain or wind.

There are three most well-known species; Royal Larkspur, California Larkspur, and Tall Larkspur. Most delphiniums need staking, except for the dwarf perennials.

Delphinium was once used as a medicine for sleep and relaxation, but due to its toxins, it no longer used for internal use. However, delphiniums can cure scorpion stings and are known to repel parasites like lice. The toxins cause slow heart rate, severely lowered blood pressure, and difficulty breathing.

Delphinium flower meaning includes overall positivity and openness to new experiences. It evokes a feeling of warmth, joy, and fun. You can give them to someone who is feeling blue and encourages them to try new things in their life.

Light blue delphinium and white delphinium flower symbolize new life and youth. Blue is the most common color and symbolizes dignity and grace. Pink delphinium is perfect for celebrating the birth of a grand-daughter or daughter.

Delphiniums symbolize goodwill, cheerfulness, and remembering loved ones who have passed. Delphinium flower symbolizes protection. You can give it to someone you love and hope for their safety.

Give this flower to someone who is depressed and needs support; it motivates them to live every day like it is the last and enjoying life to the fullest.

Delphinium flower symbolizes being happy and celebrating life in general. Since delphinium has a wide variety of colors, you can use it for almost any occasion to celebrate important things.

Delphinium flower has rich colors and grows in many parts of Europe and the United States.

Native Americans even used it for coloring their clothes and other things. They did a special technique to extract the color.

Not only used as a dye, but delphinium also represented pleasant interactions and positive communications.

People also used them as protection against negative things like evil spirits.

Delphinium smell can even scare away the scorpions, so people brought it in their pockets to protect them from bad things.