

PLANTS OF THE ECUMENICAL GARDEN

Common Name	Botanic Name	Source of Quote
Thistle	<i>Acanthus</i> spp	Pseudographia Letter to Aristeas 70
Leeks and Onions	<i>Allium</i> spp	Numbers 11: t-6
Aloe	<i>Aloe vera</i>	John 19: 39-40
Lilies of the Field	<i>Anemone, Tulipa, Narcissus</i> spp	Matthew 6: 28-30
Wormwood	<i>Artemisia</i> spp	Lamentations 3: 15-19
Pot Marigold	<i>Calendula</i>	Hindu: Garlands for festivals
Tea	<i>Camellia sinensis</i>	Shinto: Japanese Tea Ceremony
Carob	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Matthew: 3: 4
Saffron	<i>Crocus sativa</i>	Song of Solomon: 4:14
Broom	<i>Cytisus</i> spp	Job 30: 3-4
Bullrush	<i>Cyperus papyrus</i>	Exodus: 2: 3 &5
Burning Bush	<i>Dictamnus alba</i>	Exodus: 3: 2-4
Thistle	<i>Echinops</i> spp	Matthew: 7: 15-16
Fig	<i>Ficus carica</i>	Song of Solomon 2: 11-12
Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>	II Maccabees : 6:7
Lilly by the River	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Ecclesiasticus (Sirac) 50: 8
Jasmine	<i>Jasminum</i> spp	Hindu: Symbol of purity and love.
Juniper	<i>Juniperus</i> spp	Jeremiah 17: 6
Laurel	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Psalms 37: 35
Lily	<i>Lilium longiflorum</i>	I Kings 7: 19, 26
Flax/Linen	<i>Linum perenne</i>	Genesis 41: 42
Mallow	<i>Malva fastigiata</i>	Job 30: 4
Mint	<i>Mentha</i> spp	Matthew 23:23
Myrtle	<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Isaiah: 55:13
Lotus	<i>Nelumbo nucifera</i>	Buddhist: Symbol of path to Nirvana

Tulsi	Ocimum sanctum	Hindu: Keep away Lord of Death
Olive	Olea europaea	Tenesis 8:11
Rice	Oryza sativa	Asian: Symbol of wealth fertility
Peony	Paeonia spp	Buddhist: Symbol of wealth
Poppy	Papaver spp	Hindu: Symbol of ecstasy
Date	Phoenix dactylifera	Psalms: 92: 12-14
Bamboo	Pleioblastus spp	Buddhist: Symbol of old age & modesty
Fir	Pinus spp	Hosea: 14:8
Pine	Pinus pinea	Song of Solomon: 1:17
Patchouli	Pogostemon spp	Asian: Incense used in rel. ceremonies
Tree of Knowledge	Prunus armeniaca	Genesis: 3: 6
Almond	Prunus glandulosa	Jeremiah: 1:11
Pomegranate	Punica granatum	Deuteronomy: 8:8
Buckthorn	Rhamnus spp	Ezekiel : 13: 5
Briar	Ruscus aculeatus	Ezekiel: 28: 24
Sage	Salvia spp	Exodus: 37: 17-18
Millet	Sorghum bicolor	Ezekiel: 4:9
Thorns	Silybum marianum	Judges: 8:7
Tamarix	Tamarix spp	Genesis: 21:33
Rose of Sharon	Tulipa spp	Song of Solomon: 2: 1-2
Cattail	Typha spp	Jonah: 2:5
Grape	Vitis spp	Leviticus 19:10