



Gesneriads-
African Violets,
Gloxinias,
Streptocarpus
and others.

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

Gesneriaceae is a diverse family of plants that includes over 2,000 different species, spread across more than 120 genera. Around 300 or more of the species are in cultivation.



Gloxinia species

Genera in this family include:

Acanthonema, *Achimenes*,
Aeschynanthus, *Agalmyla*, *Allocheilos*,
Alloplectus, *Allostigma*, *Alsobia*,
Amalophyllon, *Ancylostemon*, *Anethanthus*,
Anna, *Asteranthera*, *Beccarinda*, *Bellonia*,
Besleria, *Boea*, *Boeica*, *Bournea*, *Briggsia*,
Briggsiopsis, *Brookea*, *Bucinellina*,
Calcareoboea, *Cathayanthe*, *Championia*,
Charadrophila, *Chautemsia*, *Chirita*,
Chiritopsis, *Chrysothemis*, *Cobananthus*,
Codonanthe, *Codonanthopsis*, *Colpogyne*,
Columnea, *Conandron*, *Corallodiscus*,
Coronanthera, *Corytoplectus*,
Crantzia, *Cremersia*, *Cremosperma*,

Cremospermopsis, *Cubitanthus*,
Cyrtandra, *Cyrtandromoea*, *Dalbergaria*,
Dayaoshania, *Deinocheilos*, *Deinostigma*,
Depanthus, *Diastema*, *Didissandra*,
Didymocarpus, *Didymostigma*,
Dolicholoma, *Drymonia*, *Emarhendia*,
Episcia, *Epithema*, *Eucodonia*, *Fieldia*,
Gasteranthus, *Gesneria*, *Glossoloma*,
Gloxinella, *Gloxinia*, *Gloxiniopsis*,
Goyazia, *Gyrocheilos*, *Gyrogyne*,
Haberlea, *Hemiboea*, *Hemiboeopsis*,
Henckelia, *Heppiella*, *Hexatheca*,
Hovanella, *Isometrum*, *Jancaea*,
Jerdonia, *Kaisupeea*, *Kohleria*,
Lagarosolen, *Lampadaria*, *Lembocarpus*,
Lenbrassia, *Leptoboea*, *Linnaeopsis*,

Litostigma, *Loxonia*, *Loxostigma*,
Lysionotus, *Mandirola*, *Metabriggsia*,
Metapetrocosmea, *Micraeschynanthus*,
Mitraria, *Monophyllaea*, *Monopyle*,
Moussonia, *Napeanthus*, *Nautilocalyx*,
Negria, *Nematanthus*, *Neomortonia*,
Niphaea, *Nodonema*, *Nomopyle*,
Oerstedina, *Opithandra*, *Orchadocarpa*,
Oreocharis, *Ornithoboea*, *Paliavana*,
Paraboea, *Paradrymonia*, *Paraisometrum*,
Paralagarosolen, *Pearcea*, *Pentadenia*,
Petrocodon, *Petrocosmea*,
Pheidonocarpa, *Phinaea*, *Phylloboea*,
Platystemma, *Primulina*, *Pseudochirita*,
Ramonda, *Raphiocarpus*, *Rehmannia*,
Reldia, *Resia*, *Rhabdothamnopsis*,
Rhabdothamnus, *Rhoogeton*,
Rhynchoglossum, *Rhynchotechum*,
Rhytidophyllum, *Ridleyandra*,
Rufodorsia, *Saintpaulia*, *Sanango*,
Sarmienta, *Schizoboea*, *Seemannia*,
Senyumia, *Sepikea*, *Shuaria*, *Sinningia*,
Smithiantha, *Solenophora*, *Sphaerorrhiza*,
Spelaeanthus, *Stauranthera*,
Streptocarpus, *Tengia*, *Tetraphyllum*,
Thamnocharis, *Titanotrichum*,
Trachystigma, *Tremacron*, *Trichantha*,
Trisepalum, *Tydaea*, *Tylopsacas*,
Vanhouttea, *Wentsaiboea*, *Whytockia*

Note: some of these may be redundant (old) names.



Chirita tamiana



Episcia sp.



Aeschynanthus 'Big Apple'



Haberlea rhodopensis