



The Album of Plant Families

An Illustrated Exploration of Nature's Beauty and Bounty

Wendy Hollender

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- The botanical book of the year: a spectacular, oversize (16 by 12 inch) volume that helps us visualise the sometimes surprising family connections between the plants around us
- Original illustrations by renowned botanical artist Wendy Hollender: 24 full-page illustrations of important plant families, plus numerous detail illustrations
- Hollender has drawn all specimens from life, and provides an engaging commentary on the characteristics of each plant family. The book also features guest essays by noted figures in gardening, horticulture, and botany
- Hollender is based in the Hudson Valley but travels the world in search of specimens, and to teach sold-out workshops on botanical art. The ultimate gift for gardeners, foragers, and nature lovers

A spectacular poster-sized book that illustrates the family connections between the plants around us, deepening our appreciation of nature.

Much like our own family, plant families share characteristics, often in the arrangement of their flowers, leaves, and stems. In this oversized book, acclaimed botanical artist Wendy Hollender depicts 24 plant families most commonly encountered in the garden and in the wild. Her superb full-page illustrations, featuring subjects rendered from life in colour pencil and watercolour, help us visualise the sometimes surprising connections between different plants—for example, between the zinnia, the dandelion, and romaine lettuce, all members of the sunflower family, *Asteraceae*. For each family, Hollender's lively writings aided by additional illustrations highlight the similarities between family members, and describe her adventures in collecting the subjects (from her backyard garden to the Hawaiian wilderness).

Guest essays from a variety of distinguished contributors—including Marta McDowell, the best-selling garden writer; Susan Pell, executive director of the US Botanic Garden; and Dina Falconi, the well-known clinical herbalist—lend fascinating perspectives on the featured plant families.

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Wendy Hollender is a botanical artist whose work has been exhibited at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, and the Smithsonian National Museum for Natural History, and published in the *New York Times*, *O*, the *Oprah Magazine*, and numerous other outlets. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, Hollender is the author of the best-selling books *The Joy of Botanical Drawing* and *Botanical Drawing in Color*, and teaches botanical drawing at the New York Botanical Garden.