

Apocynaceae

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Part of the dogbane family of
flowering plants



This Plant Family is Very Diverse

- There are over 400 genera and 4,000 species in this plant family
- The family is comprised of trees, shrubs, herbs woody vines and succulents
- Common names
 - Milkweed Madagascar palm
 - Oleander Periwinkle
 - Plumeria Natal Plum

Area of Origin & Plant Types

- Native to Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, plus America tropic and subtropic regions
- Thrives in San Diego climate
- These plants can be classified under the dicot flowering plants
- Bisexual with a cluster of 5 pedals resembling a star

Common Traits

- Flowers are often showy and fragrant
- Usually in clusters of 5
- Most plants or parts of this plant are usually poisonous
- Milky latex sap



Oleander a Landscape Icon in San Diego

- Public parks, backyards, playgrounds and along freeway medians. One of the most poisonous commonly grown garden plants



- Oleander is now falling victim to an incurable disease. One threat is the glassy winged sharpshooter insect

Other Plants in This Family

