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*Dianthus*

*Caryophyllaceae*

*Dianthus* is derived from Greek *Di* (of Zeus or Jove) or *dios* (god or divine) and *antho-* (flower) components meaning ‘Jupiter’s flower or divine flower’.

*Dianthus*, particularly carnations and pinks, were especially fashionable flowers in England until about 1620, when they are said to have been superseded by tulips.