

## **Dianthus caryophyllus (L.)**

*Dianthus caryophyllus*, or carnations, are perennial herbaceous plants that were introduced to the US from Europe. They are mostly ornamental plants in the Caryophyllaceae family, and range in color from white to yellow, pink and red to purple. They grow about 3 feet tall and flower in July and August. They are primarily grown as ornamental plants.





The leaves are linear, narrow, about 4-6 inches long, bluish-green with a waxy coating. They have an entire margin. The leaves are arranged opposite along the stem.



The flowers have up to 40 serrated or clawed petals. They are bisexual and have both stamens and a gynoecium. The capsule is dehiscent.















