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n.
Roman Mythology
The goddess of flowers.

[Latin *Flōra*, from *flōs*, *flōr*-, flower; see **bhel**-³ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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flo·ra  (flôr ə)

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1. (used with a *sing.* or *pl. verb*) Plants considered as a group, especially the plants of a particular country, region, or time.
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