

National Flower Edelweiss

The national flower of Switzerland is Edelweiss. Its scientific name is *Leontopodium alpinum* (Lion's Paw). Edelweiss is a mountainous flower which blooms annually between July and September. Flowers are one of the reasons for Switzerland's beauty. Edelweiss is a star-shaped flower and belongs to the family of Sunflower and Daisy.

It is white in color and has woolly white hair-like structure on its leaf. The highest military rank of Switzerland is the badge in the form of Edelweiss flower. It is cultivated widely and local folks have an emotional attachment to this flower. This is why, though there is no official national flower symbol of Switzerland, Edelweiss is considered as the unofficial national flower of Switzerland.

