Here we have a listing of manifestly manifolded manias, which is to say that the following collection of mania-words is obviously diverse. And diverse it is: nearly three hundred manias are identified and named herein. They range from the relatively benign DOROMANIAC (someone who compulsively gives presents) to the downright murderous ANDROPHONOMANIAC (someone with homicidal tendencies). In between these extremes, there are undoubtedly manias which will strike responsive chords in all of us.

When used as a suffix, -MANIA means "an irresistible impulse to behave in a certain way" or showing an "abnormal interest" in something. The adjective form is -MANICAL, and the noun for a person thusly afflicted is -MANIAC.

Altogether, 277 mania-words, the largest list in print anywhere, are categorized and defined below.

Types of Manias

Manias can be moderate or intense, they can be focused on one or several subjects, and they can appear with or without delirium. To begin our look at mania-words, here's a list of the different forms a mania can take:

- ACROMANIA mania marked by great motor activity
- AMENOMANIA psychosis with agreeable hallucinations
- CHEROMANIA mania characterized by exaltation
- DESANIMANIA mindless insanity
- ESTHESIOMANIA insanity with perversion of the senses
- HYPERMANIA intense mania
- HYPOLEPSIOMANIA monomania (psychosis on a single subject)
- HYPOMANIA moderate mania
- Hysteromania hysterical mania, nymphomania
- MONOMANIA psychosis on a single subject
- Oligomania psychoses on a few subjects
- PATHOMANIA mania without delirium
- PHRENOMANIA delirious mania
- SCHIZOMANIA a mixture of schizophrenia and manic symptoms
- STUPOMANIA manic stupor
- SUBMANIA hypomania (mania of a moderate type)

Wordy Manias

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AGORAMANIA abnormal interest in open spaces
AILUROMANIA abnormal interest in cats
ANTHOMANIA obsession for flowers
APIMANIA obsession for bees
CHIONOMANIA obsession for snow
CREMOMANIA abnormal interest in cliffs
CYNOMANIA obsession for dogs
EMPRESIOMANIA pyromania (abnormal interest in fire)
ENTOMOMANIA obsession for insects
FLORIMANIA mania for flowers
HELIOMANIA abnormal interest in the sun
HIPPOMANIA obsession for horses
HYDROMANIA morbid craving for water
HYLOMANIA abnormal interest in woods
ICHTHYOMANIA obsession for fish
MUSOMANIA abnormal interest in mice
NAUTOMANIA morbid interest in a ship or water
NOCTIMANIA abnormal interest in nights
OPHIDOMANIA obsession for reptiles
ORNITHOMANIA abnormal interest in birds
PHOTOMANIA abnormal interest in light
PYROMANIA compulsion to set fires
THALASSOMANIA abnormal interest in the sea
ZOOMANIA morbid love of animals

Erotic Manias

Though few of us will likely so admit, erotic manias are the ones we seem to find the most fascinating. I've always thought that men were more obsessed with sex than women, but I'm not so sure after finding that there are more synonyms for NYMPHOMANIA than for SATYROMANIA. (Then again, perhaps obsessed males were the ones who coined all these synonyms for nymphomania.)

At any rate, the erotic manias are:

AEDOEMANIA nymphomania
AIDOIMANIA abnormal sexual desire
ANDROMANIA nymphomania
APHRODISIOMANIA erotomania (preoccupation with sexuality)
CHIROMANIA morbid impulse to masturbate
CLITOROMANIA nymphomania
CRETOMANIA satyromania
CYHEROMANIA nymphomania
EDEOMANIA abnormal interest in genitals
EROTOGPHOMANIA abnormal interest in erotic literature
EROTOCOMANIA preoccupation with sexuality
EROTOMANIA preoccupation with sexuality
ESTROMANIA nymphomania
FLAGELLOMANIA erotic pleasure derived from whipping or being whipped
GYMNOMANIA abnormal interest in nakedness
GYNECOMANIA satyromania
HEDONOMANIA compulsive pursuit of pleasure

Words of W

I've listed (see below) my favorite manias:

AGROMANIA open field
DRAPEOMANIA drapetomania
DRAPETOMANIA
DROMOMANIA
ECDEOMANIA
ECDEMOOMANIA
ECDEMONIA
EROTOMANIA
EROTOGRAPHOMANIA
EROTOPHOMANIA
EROTOMANIA
HYSTEROMANIA
LAGNEUROMANIA
MACHLAEOMANIA
MENTULOMANIA
NUDOMANIA
NYMPHOMANIA
OESTROMANIA
ORCHIDOMANIA
PORNOGRAPHOMANIA
SATYROMANIA
UTEROMANIA

Interest in

Closely related are the particular country manias. They are specific to:

America
China
England
France
Germany
Greece
Italy
HYSTEROMANIA nymphomania (also, hysterical mania)
LAGNEUOMANIA sadism to the male
MACHLAENOMANIA masochism in women
MENTULOMANIA abnormal interest in the penis
NUDOMANIA abnormal interest in nudity
NYMPHOMANIA exaggerated sexual desire in a female
OESTROMANIA nymphomania
ORCHIDOMANIA abnormal interest in testicles
PORNOGRAPHOMANIA abnormal interest in pornography
SATYROMANIA exaggerated sexual desire in a male
UTEROMANIA nymphomania

**Words of Wanderlust**

I've long suspected that many of us are repressed planomaniacs (see below) - at least I know this mania appeals not only to myself but also to most of my friends and acquaintances. This is my favorite list, and I hope you'll also enjoy these manias.

AGROMANIA morbid passion for solitude or for wandering in open fields
DRAPEOTOMANIA mania to run away
DROMOMANIA compulsive traveling
ECDEMIOMANIA mania to wander
ECDEMOMANIA mania to wander
ECDEMONOMANIA mania to wander
EROTODROMOMANIA abnormal impulse to travel to escape a painful sexual situation
NOSTOMANIA mania to return home
DIKOMANIA abnormal desire to be at home
PARATERESEOMANIA mania for seeing new sights
PARATERESIOMANIA mania for seeing new sights
PHILOPATRIDOMANIA homesickness
PLANOMANIA impulse to wander from home and throw off the restraints of society
PORIOMANIA wanderlust
SIDERODROMOMANIA abnormal interest in traveling by railroad

**Interest in Specific Countries**

Closely related to the traveling manias are those manias which refer to an excessive interest in the customs or culture of a particular country. My apologies to anyone obsessed with the customs of a country not listed below, but these are the only specific-country manias that have been identified and named. All of these manias are spelled with a capital first letter.

America
China
England
France
Germany
Greece
Italy

AMERICOMANIA
CHINAMANIA
ANGLOMANIA
FRANCOMANIA, GALLOMANIA
GERMANOMANIA, TEUTONOMANIA, TEUTOMANIA
GRECOMANIA
ITALOMANIA
Medical Manias

The manias in this list are a little more esoteric than some of the others we’ve seen. Most relate to either the abuse of a particular drug or else to a form of insanity associated with a specific disease. The medical manias are:

ANTIPYRINOMANIA addiction to antipyrine (a coal-tar derivative)
BROMOMANIA mania caused by use of bromine
CHLORALOMANIA addiction to chloral (alcohol and chlorine)
CHOLEROMANIA mania sometimes seen in cholera
COCAINOMANIA insanity with delusions accompanying excessive use of cocaine
ERGASIOOMANIA undue eagerness to perform surgery (also, overeagerness to be at work)
ETHEROMANIA addiction to ether
HEROINOMANIA addiction to heroin
HYDRARGYROMANIA mental disorder due to mercury poisoning
HYDRODIPSOMANIA epileptic condition characterized by attacks of insatiable thirst
LETHEOMANIA abnormal interest in narcotics
MEDICOMANIA medical mania
MORPHINOMANIA morphine addiction
MORPHIOMANIA morphine addiction
NARCOMANIA uncontrollable desire for narcotics
NARCOSOMANIA insane craving for narcosis (unconsciousness produced by a drug)
OOPHOROMANIA psychosis associated with ovarian disease
OTHECOMANIA oophoromania
OPIONOMANIA addiction to opium
PHARMACOMANIA uncontrollable desire to take or administer medicines
PHLEBOTOMANIA mania for bloodletting as a curative measure
PHTHISOMANIA abnormal interest in tuberculosis
MAIEUSOMANIA puerperal (period of time and/or state of the mother following childbirth) psychosis
NOSOMANIA incorrect belief of a patient that he has some special disease
STRYCHNINOMANIA mental aberration due to strychnine poisoning
STRYCHNOMANIA strychninomania
SYPHILISOMANIA delusion of being infected with syphilis
THYROIDOMANIA mental disorder associated with hyperthyroidism
TOCOMANIA puerperal psychosis
TOMANIA abnormal interest in surgery
TOXICOMANIA intense desire for poisons, narcotics, or intoxicants
TUBERCULOMANIA delusion of having tuberculosis
TYPHOMANIA delirium common in typhoid fever

Alcohol Abuse

The next few sections are rather short, but they list unique manias which relate to alcohol abuse.

ALCOHOLOMANIA
DIPSOMANIA
METHOMANIA
OENOMANIA
OINOMANIA
POISONOMANIA
POTOMANIA
POTOTROMANIA
TROMOMANIA

Food Manias

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PHAGOMANIA
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Musical Manias

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CHOREOMANIA
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DINOMANIA
MELOMANIA
MUSICOMANIA
ORCHESTROMANIA

Religious Manias

Some etymologists Latin for “in- vation; however to read through

ENOSIMANIA
ENTHEOMANIA
HARMARTOMANIA
HIEROMANIA
ICONOMANIA
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IDOLOMANIA
PAROUSIAMA
SEBASTOMANIA
THEOMANIA
Some etymologists claim that the word religion is based on relego, Latin for "read over again". Most scholars disagree with this derivation; however, it might be in keeping with the spirit of religion to read through this list twice:

- **Enosimania**: belief that one has committed an unpardonable sin
- **Entheomania**: religious insanity
- **Hamartomania**: abnormal interest in sin
- **Hieromania**: abnormal interest in priests
- **Iconomania**: infatuation with icons, whether as objects of devotion or as works of art
- **Idolomania**: abnormal interest in idols
- **Parousiamania**: preoccupation with the second coming of Christ
- **Sebostomania**: religious insanity
- **Theomania**: belief that one is God
URANOMANIA delusion that one is of divine or celestial origin

Homicidal Manias
This is the last of the short lists of manias, and personally I'm delighted this is a small category; I certainly hope there's very few of the following maniacs running around:
ANDROPHONOMANIA insanity marked by homicidal tendencies
DACNOMANIA mania to kill
HOMICIDOMANIA mania to kill
PHONOMANIA insanity marked by homicidal tendencies

Miscellaneous
The following list is quite long, but these words have defied my attempts at categorization. There are nonetheless some real gems here: among my personal favorites are ECOMANIA, GIGMANIA and PARAMANIA. Should you not like these, don't fear - there's bound to be something here to delight everyone.
ABLUTOMANIA abnormal interest in washing or bathing
ABOULOMANIA psychosis characterized by lack of will power
ABULOMANIA aboulomania
AUTOMANIA preoccupation with suicide
AUTOPHONOMANIA preoccupation with suicide
BRUXOMANIA compulsive grinding of one's teeth
BRYCOMANIA bruxomania
CACODAEMONOMANIA delusion of being possessed by evil spirits
CACCODEMONOMANIA cacodaemononomania
CALLOMANIA delusion of personal beauty
CATABYTHISMOMANIA impulse to commit suicide by drowning
CATAPEDAMANIA impulse to jump from high places
CLINOMANIA abnormal interest in bed rest
CRATOMANIA monomania of power and superiority
DANTOMANIA abnormal interest in Dante
DEMOMANIA abnormal interest in crowds
DEMOMANIA delusion of being possessed by devils
DYSMORPHOMANIA abnormal dread of deformity (particularly in others)
ECIOMANIA being domineering toward members of the family but humble toward those in authority
ECOMANIA ecioniomania
EGOMANIA abnormal in one's self
ELEUTHEROMANIA abnormal enthusiasm for freedom
EMETOMANIA morbid impulse to vomit
EMPLEOMANIA compulsive desire to be employed in public offices
EREMOMANIA abnormal interest in stillness
ERGOMANIA compulsion to be constantly at work
ERYTHROMANIA excessive and uncontrollable blushing
GAMOMANIA abnormal interest in marriage
GAMONOMANIA gamomania
GIGMANIA worshipping smug respectability as the great object of life
HABROMANIA morbid gaiety

Botanical Man
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**Botanical Manias**

After reading through the above list of manias, you might have been left with the impression that humans are certainly a crazy species. In this case, it might be refreshing to consider that we're not the only ones who suffer from manias - as can be seen in the following list of manias peculiar to the plant kingdom. Now if you know someone who does have one of the following manias, I think that individual is beyond help. The plant manias include:
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BRACTEOMANIA excessive production of bracts (a type of leaf)
CARPOMANIA excessive fruit production
CERATOMANIA abnormal production of hooded flowers
PETALOMANIA metamorphosis of stamens into petals
PHYLLOMANIA excessive production of leaves

Non-manias

In the course of my research, I found five words which end in -MANIA but which do not refer to a mania. For the sake of completeness, the five non-manias are:

AMANIA gold coin of Afghanistan
DALMANIA a genus of trilobites
GERMANIA pertaining to Germany
GUZMANIA a genus of tropical American herbs
LEISHMANIA a genus of flagellate protozoans

And Finally ...

If you absolutely did not enjoy a single mania-word, then perhaps this last entry is for you:
MISOMANIA hatred of everything

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