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 -MANIACAL, 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 psychosis on a few subjects
- PATHOMANIA mania without delirium
- PHRENOMANIA delirious mania
- SCHIZOMANIA a mixture of schizophrenia and manic symptoms
- STUPEMANIA manic stupor
- SUBMANIA hypomania (mania of a moderate type)

Wordy Manias

I assume that anyone reading this is likely to be intrigued by unusual words. For our first look at specific manias, I am there—

- AGYIOMANIA
- AMAXOMANIA
- ARITHMOMANIA
- BALLISTOMANIA
- BIBLIOOMANIA
- BIBLIOKLEPTOMANIA
- CLEPTOMANIA
- CRESOMANIA
- CYCLOMAMIA
- DECALCOMANIA
- DECALOMANIA
- DORAMANIA
- DOROMANIA
- GEPHYROMANIA
- KLEPTOMANIA
- KLOPEMANIA
- ONIOMANIA
- PLUMOMANIA
- POTICHOMANIA
- SQUANDERMANIA
- TIMBROMANIA

Manias for the Future

If you're interested in written or oral manias, consider:

- COPROLALOMIA
- GRAPHRHOMANIA
- HELLENOMANIA
- KLAZOMANIA
- LATOMANOMANIA
- LOGOMANIA
- LOGOMONOMANIA
- METROMANIA
- ONOMATOMANIA
- SCRIBBLEMANIA
- SCRIBBLEOMANIA
- SCRIBOMANIA
- TYPOMANIA
- VERBOMANIA
manias, which is obviously benign DOR- tendencies).

stable impulse normal interest"

LALOMANIA abnormal interest in speech
LOGOMANIA overtalkativeness
LOGOMONOMANIA overtalkativeness
METROMANIA mania for writing verses
ONOMATOMANIA mental derangement with regard to words (inability to recall a certain word, attaching special significance to a word, and so forth)
SCRIBBLEMANIA mania for scribbling
SCRIBBLEOMANIA mania for scribbling
SCRI BOMANIA writing a long succession of unconnected words
TYPOMANIA mania for writing for publication
VERBOMANIA morbid talkativeness

Manias Associated with Physical Objects

The following list presents those manias which relate to money, possessions, or other physical objects:

AGYIOMANIA abnormal interest in streets
AMAXOMANIA mania for being in vehicles
ARITHMOMANIA compulsive desire to count objects
BALLISTOMANIA abnormal interest in bullets
BIBLIOMANIA abnormal interest in books
BIBLIOKLEPTOMANIA kleptomania for books
CLEPTOMANIA impulse to steal, without economic motive
CRESOMANIA delusion of possessing great wealth
CYCLOMANIA mania for bicycling
DECALCOMANIA craze for or process of using decals
DECALOMANIA craze for or process of using decals
DORAMANIA abnormal interest in fur
DOROMANIA compulsive desire to give presents
GEPHYROMANIA compulsive desire to cross bridges
KLEPTOMANIA impulse to steal, without economic motive
KLOPEMANIA impulse to steal, without economic motive
ONIOMANIA mania for buying things
PLUTOMANIA abnormal interest in possessing great wealth
POTICHOMANIA craze for or process of imitating porcelain by coating glass vessels
SQUANDERMANIA mania to spend lavishly
TIMBROMANIA abnormal interest in postage stamps

Manias for the Naturalist

If you're fascinated by the natural world, then you'll likely enjoy the following list of manias. They all relate to plants, animals, natural phenomena, and similar aspects of our world.
AGORAMANIA abnormal interest in open spaces
AILUROMANIA abnormal interest in cats
ANTHOMANIA obsession for flowers
APIMANIA obsession for bees
CHIONOMANIA obsession for snow
CREMENOMANIA 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 abnormal interest in fish
MUSOMANIA abnormal interest in mice
NAUTOMANIA morbid interest in a ship or water
NOCTIMANIA abnormal interest in nights
OPHIDIOMANIA obsession for reptiles
ORNITHOMANIA abnormal interest in birds
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 NYPHOMANIA 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
CYTHEROMANIA nymphomania
EDEOMANIA normal interest in genitals
EROTOGRAFOMANIA abnormal interest in erotic literature
EROTICOMANIA preoccupation with sexuality
EROTOMANIA preoccupation with sexuality
ESTROMANIA nymphomania
FLAGELLOMANIA erotic pleasure derived from whipping or being whipped
GYMNOMANIA normal interest in nakedness
GYNECOMANIA satyromania
HEDONOMANIA compulsive pursuit of pleasure

Words of W

I’ve long known (see below) but
here are my favorite:

AGROMANIA
AILUROMANIA
ANTHOMANIA
APIMANIA
CHIONOMANIA
CREMENOMANIA
CYNOMANIA
EMPRESIOMANIA
ENTOMOMANIA
FLORIMANIA
HELIOMANIA
HIPPOMANIA
HYDROMANIA
HYLOMANIA
ICHTHYOMANIA
MUSOMANIA
NAUTOMANIA
NOCTIMANIA
OPHIDIOMANIA
ORNITHOMANIA
PYROMANIA
THALASSOMANIA
ZOOMANIA

Interest in

Closely related to any particular country manias are:

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
DRAPEOMANIA mania to run away
DROMOMANIA compulsive traveling
ECDEMIOMANIA mania to wander
ECDEMONOMANIA mania to wander
EROTODROMOMANIA abnormal impulse to travel to escape a
painful sexual situation
HOSTOMANIA 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 AMERICOMANIA
China CHINAMANIA
England ANGLOMANIA
France FRANCOMANIA, GALLOMANIA
Germany GERMANOMANIA, TEUTONOMANIA, TEUTOMANIA
Greece GRECOMANIA
Italy 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
- **ERGASIOHMANIA** undue eagerness to perform surgery (also, overeagerness to be at work)
- **ETHEROMANIA** addiction to ether
- **HEROINOMANIA** addiction to heroin
- **HYDARGYROMANIA** mental disorder due to mercury poisoning
- **HYDRODIPSOMANIA** epileptic condition characterized by attacks of insatiable thirst
- **LTHEOMANIA** 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)
- **OPHINOMANIA** psychosis associated with ovarian disease
- **OOGONOMANIA** oophoromania
- **OPLOMANIA** 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
- **STRYCNOMANIA** mental aberration due to strychnine poisoning
- **STRYCHNNOMANIA** strychninomania
- **SYPHILOMANIA** 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 man-
Manias which are deserving of separate consideration. The first short list relates to alcohol and its abuse:

- ALCOHOLUMANIA abnormal interest in alcohol
- DIPSOMANIA alcoholism
- ENOMANIA abnormal interest in wine
- METHOMANIA morbid desire for alcoholic beverages
- OENOMANIA abnormal interest in wine
- OINOMANIA abnormal interest in wine
- POSIOMANIA dipsomania
- POTOMANIA abnormal desire to drink
- POTOTROMOMANIA delirium tremens
- TROMOMANIA delirium tremens

Food Manias

Some people are gourmets, others are merely gourmands, but most are genuinely interested in their food. The following manias refer to a subject which has obvious appeal. The food manias are:

- PHAGOMANIA insatiable craving for food
- OPSOMANIA a craving for a particular food
- OREXIMANIA enormous increase in food intake due to fear of becoming thin
- SITIOMANIA excessive hunger
- SITOMANIA sitiomania

Musical Manias

If you’re a would-be Fred Astaire, then one of the following might sound familiar:

- CHOREOMANIA excessive desire to dance
- CHOROMANIA choreomania
- DINOMANIA mania for dancing
- MELOMANIA inordinate passion for music
- MUSICOMANIA abnormal interest in music
- ORCHESTROMANIA mania for dancing

Religious Manias

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
- SEBASTOMANIA 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
CACODAEMONONOMANIA delusion of being possessed by evil spirits
CACODEMONOMANIA 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
DEMONOMANIA 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 cecomania
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
EREOMANIA abnormal interest in stillness
EROMANIA 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

HYPERNOMANIA
KAINOMANIA
KATHISOMANIA
KINESOMANIA
KRAIOHOMANIA
LYCOMANIA
LYPEMANIA
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PHANEROMANIA
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PROCESSOMANIA
PSEUDOMANIA
PSEUDOMANIA
SOPHOMANIA
SYMMETROMANIA
THANATOMANIA
THEATROMANIA
TITILLOMANIA
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TRICHOMANIA
TRICHORRHEX
TRICHOTILLO
TRISTEOMANIA
TRISTIMANIA
XENOMANIA

Botanical Man

After reading this, I can't help but think of the botanical man. He's not the only one who's been left with a species. In the following list, I know someone that individual.
HYPNOMANIA abnormal interest in sleep
KAINOMANIA abnormal interest in novelty
KATHISOMANIA abnormal interest in sitting
KINESOMANIA abnormal interest in movement
KRAUOMANIA tic marked by rhythmic movements
LYCOMANIA delusion of being a wolf
LYPMANIA profound melancholy
MACROMANIA delusion that parts of one's body are larger than they really are
MEGALOMANIA delusion of self-importance
MESMEROMANIA insane reliance on mesmerism (hypnosis)
MICROMANIA delusion that one's body has become small, or that parts of it are missing
MYTHOMANIA compulsion to lie or exaggerate
NEMROMANIA morbid attraction to corpses
OCHELONANIA abnormal interest in crowds
OICOMANIA eciodmania
OIKOMANIA eciodmania
ONYCHOTILLOMANIA neurotic picking of the nails
PARAMANIA manifesting joy by complaining
PEOTILLOMANIA pseudomasturbation (uncontrollable constant pulling of the penis)
PHANEROMANIA compulsion to pick at an abnormal growth on the skin
PHRONEMANIA abnormal interest in thinking
POLITICOMANIA abnormal interest in politics
PROCESSOMANIA mania for litigation
PSEUDOMANIA propensity to make false statements
PSEUDONOMANIA pseudomania
SOFPHOMANIA irreligious belief in one's great wisdom
SYMETROMANIA abnormal interest in symmetry
THANATOMANIA abnormal interest in death
THEATROMANIA mania for the theatre
TITILLOMANIA uncontrollable compulsion to scratch
TRICHIKRYPTOMANIA impulse to pinch off one's own hair with the fingernails
TRICHIOMANIA impulse to pull out one's own hair
TRICHRHEXOMANIA trichokryptomania
TRICHOTILLOMANIA trichomania
TRISTENANIA melancholy
TRISTEMANIA melancholy
XENOMANIA excessive interest in foreign customs

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:
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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