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*Abrus*

*Leguminosae*

[*Fabaceae/Papilionaceae*]

*Abrus* is derived for some authorities from Greek *abros* (delicate) with reference to the soft leaves, and for others it is an Arabic name.

Members of this family absorb nitrogen from the air. Through the bacterial nodules on their deep growing roots they will introduce nitrogen to the soil (and aerate it) to the benefit of neighbouring plants and any following them in the same soil.