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*Averrhoa*

*Oxalidaceae*

*Averrhoa* commemorates a medieval Islamic philosopher, Ibn Rushd also known as Averroës (1126-1198) who was also a lawyer, mathematician, and doctor and too a man who was highly respected by his European peers from other cultures. He was born in Cordoba (Spain) and from 1182-1185 was court physician to Caliph Abu Yusuf one of several court appointments during his lifetime, although that for Caliph Abu Yaqub Yusuf ended in banishment in 1195 for two years as he had been supporting Aristotelian views which were unacceptable to orthodox Islam at that time. Among his works were *Tahafut al-tahafut* (or *The Incoherence of the Incoherence*), *Fasl al-Maqāl* (*The Decisive Treatise*), *Talkbis Kitab al-Nafs* (Aristotle on the Soul), a legal textbook *Bidāyat al-Mujtahid wa Nihāyat al-Muqta*, a medical encyclopedia *Kitab al-Kulyat fi al-Tibb* (Generalities) and many of them were translated into Hebrew and Latin.