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*Brassica*

*Cruciferae*

[*Brassicaceae*]

*Brassica* is believed by some authorities to have been derived by Pliny the Elder (23-79), the Roman natural historian, from Celtic *bresic* (cabbage) and is the classical Latin name for 'cabbage'.

Cultivation led to many other varieties, including white, green or red cabbages, broccoli (*Brassica oleracea* var. *italica*), Brussels sprouts (*Brassica oleracea* var. *gemmifera*), cauliflowers (*Brassica oleracea* var. *botrytis*) etc. (some of which can be poisonous for some animals).