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Cassia

Leguminosae

[*Caesalpinaceae/Fabaceae*]

Cassia is derived from a word used by the 1st Century Greek physician Dioscorides *kasia* and is for some authorities a Greek name for these and other related plants. Others claim *Cassia* is a Hebrew name for one of the species in the genus.

All species are potentially poisonous.

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.