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*Ceratonia*

*Leguminosae*

[*Caesalpiniaceae/Fabaceae*]

*Ceratonia* is derived from Greek *keratonia*, a Greek name for carob (*Ceratonia siliqua*), itself from Greek *-ceras* (horn) component.

Some authorities also point out that *keratonia* is the root of a modern term for jewellers' weights (carat).

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.