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*Digitalis*

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Some authorities point out that the Germans called foxglove *Fingerhut* (thimble) and Leonhard Fuchs (1501-1566), the German botanist after whom the fuchsia genus (*Fuchsia*) was named is said to have proposed that the plant be called *Digitalis* derived from the Latin *digitabulum* (thimble). On the other hand there are others who suggest the name is derived from Latin *digiti-* (finger) with reference to the shape of the flowers.

Species in this genus are poisonous.