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*Dodecatheon*

*Primulaceae*

*Dodecatheon* was the name given by Pliny (23-79), the Roman natural historian, to a flower that blooms in the Spring. It is derived from Greek *dodeka-* (twelve) and *Theo-* (god) and many believe Pliny was referring specifically to the primrose (*Primula vulgaris*) that was protected by the twelve principal gods.