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*Duranta*

*Verbenaceae*

*Duranta* commemorates an Italian physician, botanist and poet, Castore Durante (about 1529-1590) who was papal physician to Pope Sixtus V (who had a short five-year reign before his death). He appears to be remembered particularly for his herbal on European and Caribbean plants (popular when published in 1585 and translated into several languages), *Herbario novo* and also for *Il Tesoro della Sanita* which, when translated in 1686, was called *A Treasure of Health*.