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*Erechtites*

*Compositae*

[*Asteraceae*]

*Erechtites* is derived, for some authorities, from a very old name of unspecified origin for an invasive kind of groundsel *Senecio vulgaris*. There are others who suggest it is an undefined Greek plant name – and yet more authorities who propose a derivation perhaps from Greek *erechtho* (break, rend, tear away) as a reference to a mythical king of Athens, Erechtheus or to the cut leaves.