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*Euonymus*

*Celastraceae*

*Euonymus* is the Latin name for these shrubs and trees. For some authorities the Latin is derived from an ancient Greek name *euonymon dendron* (of good name), and for others from Greek *eu-* (well, good) and *onomato-* (name, good repute or fame, lucky) components, both in satirical reference to the plants' blemished reputation as being poisonous for animals. For yet others it is derived from Euonyme, in Greek mythology the mother of the Erinnyes (otherwise known as the Furies, the Greek spirits of vengeance or the dogs of Hades).