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*Fatsia*

*Araliaceae*

*Fatsia* is a corruption of *fatsi*, a Japanese common name for the false castor oil plant *Fatsia japonica*. Some authorities propose that ‘*fatsi*’ represents an old Japanese word for ‘eight’ ie. *hachi* – a reference to the average number of lobes most often found on a leaf. Others suggest that ‘*fatsi*’ is a corruption of a Japanese name *yatsude*.