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*Laurus*

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*Laurus* is derived, for some authorities, from Celtic *blaur* (green) and for others from Latin *laus* (praise), and it is a classical Latin name for the bay tree (*Laurus nobilis*).

Bay is the only member of the Laurel family (*Laurus* genus) that is not poisonous – unless the leaves are consumed in quantity.