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Melissa

Labiatae
[*Lamiaceae*]

Melissa is, for some authorities, Greek (honey bee) and also the name of a Cretan princess who is said to have found out how to collect honey. For others it is derived from an ancient Greek proper name *melissophyllon* (beloved by bees) with reference to the quantity of nectar in the flowers and the plant's fragrance that attracts the bees, or is a corruption of Latin *melisphyllum* (bee plant, bee leaf).