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*Menyanthes*

*Menyanthaceae*

*Menyanthes* is, for some authorities, an old Greek name for water plant, for others it is derived from a Greek name *menanthos* used for a plant of a different genus in the same family fringed water-lily (*Nymphoides peltata*), and for yet others it comes from Greek *meni-* (moon, month) and *antho-* (flower) components with reference to not only the flowering period but also its past use in the medicinal treatment of period problems.