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*Nicandra*

*Solanaceae*

*Nicandra* commemorates a classical Greek physician, poet and grammarian, Nicander of Colophon (c. 197-130 BC), who wrote on plants and their medicinal uses. He served as a priest of Apollo thus fulfilling his family's hereditary role in that priesthood (a role which may have provided benefits for family members such as a seat of honour at the city's games, a tax-free life, and priority when consulting the oracle). One of his surviving relevant poems is *Alexipharmaca* (describing plant and animal poisons with antidotes), and partially surviving *Georgica* (on agricultural matters).