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*Onopordum*

*Compositae*

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*Onopordum* is a corruption of a Greek name *onopordon* that for some authorities is derived from Greek *ono-* (ass) and *perdo* (to consume) components with reference to asses eating thistle foliage. Others suggest Greek *porde* (break wind, fart) with reference to the plant's effect on donkeys.