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Ornithogalum

Asparagaceae
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Ornithogalum is for some authorities derived from Greek *ornitho-* (bird) and *galacto-* (milk) components with reference to an expression used widely in ancient Greece ‘bird’s milk’ to describe something miraculous. For others it is derived from an ancient Greek or Latin name for a bulbous plant that bears white flowers *ornithogale*.