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*Parthenium*

*Compositae*

[*Asteraceae*]

*Parthenium* is for some authorities derived from *parthenion* a Greek name for an unspecified plant and note that, according to the Greek biographer, historian and philosopher, Plutarch (c.46-c.120 AD), this unspecified plant was so christened because it had been instrumental in saving the life of a man who fell from the Parthenon in Athens when it was being built. For other authorities one of the species in this genus is considered to be the American equivalent of European feverfew (*Tanacetum parthenium* now moved from the *Pyrethrum* genus) which could explain the choice of the name *Parthenium*.