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*Portulaca*

*Portulacaceae*

*Portulaca* is derived for some authorities from Latin *portula* (little door, postern, little gate) with reference to the lidded opening of the capsular fruit, and for others it is an old Latin name for purslane (eg. *Portulaca oleracea*) from Latin *porto* (to carry, convey, bring, bear) and *lactis* (milk).