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*Ribes*

*Grossulariaceae*

[*Saxifragaceae*]

*Ribes* is derived for some authorities from Syrian or Kurdish *ribas* (itself based upon an old Persian word), and for others from an Arabic word used by Arabian physicians for shrubs bearing acidic fruit. Yet others point to a specific Arabic name for currant-fruited rhubarb (*Rheum ribes*) the fruit of which, when Arabs first saw it in Europe, recalled for them the fruit of the rhubarb with which they were familiar in their homeland and still others pose the possibility of it being derived from Swedish *risp* or Danish *ribs*.