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Sommario/riassunto Knowledge of plant names can give insight into largely forgotten

beliefs. For example, the common red poppy is known as ""Blind Man"" due to an old superstitious belief that if the poppy were put to the eyes it would cause blindness. Many plant names derived from superstition, folk lore, or primal beliefs. Other names are purely descriptive and can serve to explain the meaning of the botanical name. For example, Beauty-Berry is the name given to the American shrub that belongs to the genus Callicarpa. Callicarpa is Greek for beautiful fruit. Still other

names come from literary sources providi