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## Kermes (dye)

**Kermes** (or *chermes*), meaning "red insect" in the Persian language, is the dried bodies of the females of a scale insect in the genus *Kermes*, primarily *Kermes ilicis* (formerly *Coccus ilicis*) or *Kermes vermilio*, distantly related to the cochineal insect, and found on species of oak (esp. Kermes oak) near the Mediterranean. The insects are round, smaller than a pea, contain coloring matter analogous to carmine, and are used in dyeing. Red dye was created from the kermes insect, and the word crimson is derived from the word *kermes*. In ancient times, these insects were thought to be of a vegetable nature, and were used in medicine.

