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1. Any of various tropical American plants of the genus *Ageratum* in the composite family, especially *A. houstonianum*, cultivated for their fluffy blue, purple, pink, or white flower heads.
2. Any of several other plants having flower clusters similar to those of *ageratum*.

[New Latin *Agēratum*, genus name, from Greek *agēraton*, a plant (perhaps a type of rosemary), neuter of *agēratos*, ageless : *a-*, without; see [A](#)⁻¹ + *gēras*, old age; see *gera*⁻¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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