



Sultana grapes

The **sultana** (also called the **sultanina**) is a type of [white](#), seedless [grape](#) of [Turkish](#), Greek, South African or [Iranian](#)

origin. In some countries, especially [Commonwealth](#) countries, it is also the name given to the [raisin](#)

made from it; such

sultana raisins

are often called simply

sultanas

or

sultanis.

These are typically larger than the

[currants](#)

made from Zante grapes, but smaller than "normal"

[raisins](#)

. Sometimes, the name "sultana" is applied to all raisins, to the extent that the breakfast cereal known as

[Raisin Bran](#)

in other English-speaking countries adopts the moniker "Sultana Bran"

Raisins

Not all speakers of [English](#) in [Anglo America](#) make clear distinctions between different types of dried grapes (raisins, sultanas, currants), and golden-coloured raisins made from other

grape varieties may be marketed as *sultanas*. In addition, virtually all California raisins are produced from the Thompson Seedless grape, even those which, because of different drying processes, are brown instead of golden like the traditional sultana raisin. The term

sultana

is not commonly used to refer to any type of raisin in

[American English](#)

; as most American raisins are from sultana grapes, they are called simply

raisins

or

golden raisins,

according to colour. The latter, which at least in colour resemble the traditional sultana raisin, are artificially dried and

[sulfured](#)

, in distinction to "natural" raisins.

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Most non-organic sultana grapes in California and elsewhere are treated with the plant hormone

[gibberellin](#)

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Sultana Raisins

Raisins are [dried grapes](#). They are produced in many regions of the world, such as [Armeni](#), the [Unit](#)

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[Australia](#)

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[Argentina](#)

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[Mexico](#)

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[Iraq](#)

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[China](#)

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[Afghanistan](#)

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[Togo](#)

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[Jamaica](#)

, as well as

[South Africa](#)

and

[Southern](#)

and

[Eastern Europe](#)

. Raisins may be eaten raw or used in cooking and

[baking](#)

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The word *raisin* dates back to [Middle English](#) and is a [loanword](#) from [Old French](#); in Old

French and

[French](#)

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raisin

means "grape," while, in French, a dried grape is referred to as a

raisin sec

, or "dry grape." The Old French word in turn developed from the

[Latin](#)

word

racemus

, "a bunch of grapes."