

"Kepos" - Epicurus' Garden Name, Location, History

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Thanks @Eikadistes!

On a slightly related note, it seems that many authors were in the habit of using the plural.

Heraclitus (fl. f. 50^{CE}), Allegories of Homer, 4

ὁ δὲ Φαίᾱξ φιλόσοφος Ἐπίκουρος "ὁτῆς ἡδονῆς ἐν τοῖς ἰδίοις κήποις γεωργὸς"

Phaiāx calls the philosopher Epicurus "the cultivator of pleasure in his own gardens"

Seneca (fl. 35^{CE}), Letters to Lucilius, 4.10

Accipe quod mihi hodiernō diē placuit – et hoc quoque ex aliēnīs hortulīs sumptum est:

Receive what has pleased me on this very day – and this too has been taken from little foreign gardens

Seneca, Letters to Lucilius, 21.10

"ecquid bene acceptus es? nōn irritant" inquit "hī Hortulī famem, sed exstinguunt

"were you well received?" he says "these little gardens do not provoke hunger, but they quench it"

Cicero, On the Laws, 1.13.39

in hortulis suis iubeamus dicere...

In their small gardens let us allow them to speak...

There are more from Athenaeus and Plutarch.