

Callimachus

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Son of Battus and Mesatma, of Cyrene. Grammarian. A pupil of Hermocrates of Iasus, a grammarian. He married the daughter of Euphrates of Syracuse; his sister's son was the younger Callimachus, who wrote on islands in epic verse. He was so diligent that he wrote poems in every metre, and compiled very many works in prose; in fact, he wrote more than 800 books. He lived in the time of Ptolemy Philadelphus.

Before he became connected with the king, he taught grammar in Eleusis, a small village in Alexandria. He survived until Ptolemy, called Euergetes, in the 127th Olympiad, in the second year of which Ptolemy Euergetes' reign commenced.

His books are as follows:

- **The Coming of Io;**
- **Semele;**
- **The Founding of Argos;**
- **Arcadia;**
- **Glaucus;**
- **Hopes;**
- satyr plays;
- tragedies;
- comedies;
- lyric poems;
- **Ibus** (this is a poem deliberately made obscure and abusive, addressed to one Ibus, who was an enemy of Callimachus: he was in fact Apollonius, who wrote the **Argonautica**);
- **Museum;**

- **Tables of Men Distinguished in Every Branch of Learning, and their Works** (in 120 books);
- **Table and Description of Teachers in Chronological Order from the Beginning;**
- **Table of Democrates' Rare Words and Compositions;**
- **Names of the Months by Nation and City;**
- **Foundations of Islands and Cities, and their Changes of Name;**
- **On the Rivers in Europe;**
- **On Astonishing and Paradoxical Things in the Peloponnese and Italy;**
- **On the Changes in the Names of Fish;**
- **On Winds;**
- **On Birds;**
- **On Rivers in the Inhabited World;**
- **Collection of Marvels in the Whole World, Organised by Place.**

