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Abelia chinensis

[Synonyms : *Abelia aschersoniana*, *Abelia hanceana*, *Abelia ionanadra*, *Abelia rupestris*,
Linnaea aschersoniana, *Linnaea chinensis*, *Linnaea rupestris*]

ABELIA is a deciduous shrub. Native to central and eastern China it has small sweetly fragrant, rose-tinged white flowers.

Chinensis means 'of or from China'.

Although abelia was originally collected by Dr. Abel on his visit to China in 1816-1817 the living plant did not reach England until 1844 when it was sent home from China by Robert Fortune (1813-1880).