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Abelia chinensis

[Synonyms : *Abelia aschersoniana*, *Abelia chinensis* var. *ionandra*, *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 the English surgeon/botanist, Dr. Clarke Abel (1780-1826) 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).