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Aloe variegata

[Synonyms : *Aloe ammophila*, *Aloe ausana*, *Aloe punctata*]

PARTRIDGE-BREASTED ALOE is a succulent evergreen shrub. Native to Cape Province, South Africa, it has orange-red flowers.

It is also known as *Aloes* (French), *Aloes pregowany* (Polish), *Aroe chiyodanishiki* (Japanese), *Bec de perroquet* (French), *Gorge de perdrix* (French), *Kanniedood* (Afrikaans), *Kanniedood aloe* (Afrikaans), *Kirjoaaloe* (Finnish), Pheasant's wings, *Sebra-aloe* (Swedish), Tiger aloe, Tiger cactus, and Variegated aloe.

It is pollinated by sunbirds.

Partridge-breasted aloe was a protected species in Cape Province (South Africa) in the 1950s and may well still be today.

Variegata means 'variegated or irregularly coloured' with reference to the colour of the leaves.

Medicinally, the juice in the freshly plucked leaves has been applied in local treatment for finger sores and a brandy leaf infusion has been used for treating piles.