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*Alstonia*

*Apocynaceae*

*Alstonia* commemorates a Scottish doctor and botanist, Professor Charles Alston (1685-1760) who was lecturer from 1716 then professor from 1738 to 1760 in the Faculty of Medicine at Edinburgh University in Scotland. Also in 1716 until his death he held the post of King's Botanist and Keeper of the Garden at Holyrood. His published works included *Index of the Plants in the Edinburgh Garden* and *Tyrocinium Botanicum Edinburgense*.