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*Aubrieta*

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*Aubrieta* commemorates a French court painter, Claude Aubriet (1665-1742) whose primary subjects appear to have been flora and fauna. From 1700-1702 Aubriet accompanied the French botanist Joseph Pitton de Tournefort (1656-1708) on his expedition through Greece and parts of Turkey as far east as Armenia and Georgia, the first painter to be invited on such an exercise. He had already produced the illustrations for Tournefort's work on a plant classification system entitled *Institutiones rei herbariae* (a system subsequently amended by Carolus Linnaeus (1707-1778), the Swedish botanist, who had met Aubriet in 1737) and now, following the expedition, he also illustrated Tournefort's account of it in *A Voyage into the Levant*. Later he was to become the official artist for the Botanic Garden in Paris (Jardin des Plantes).