

You are viewing one of thousands of biographies – click below for more, including Search box and access to Plant associated organisations.

[Plant Biographies](#)

[Bibliography](#)

Aubrieta deltoidea

[Synonyms : *Alyssum deltoideum*]

AUBRETIA is an evergreen perennial. Native from Sicily to Turkey, it has small bright reddish-purple to violet (occasionally white) flowers.

It is also known as Alysson, Aubrieta, Blue kisses, Lilacbush, and *Taříčka kosníkovitá* (Czech). The flowers are pollinated by bees and butterflies.

Deltoidea is derived from Greek *delto-* (triangular, three angled) and *-oides* (like) components meaning 'like the shape of the Greek letter *delta*' with reference to leaf shape.

During his travels the French artist, Claude Aubriet (1665-1742) is believed to have come across aubretia in rock formations in Greece.

The plant is said to have gained rapid popularity as an ornamental plant in Britain when it was introduced in 1710.