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*Bougainvillea*

*Nyctaginaceae*

*Bougainvillea* commemorates a French navigator, mathematician and soldier, Louis Antoine de Bougainville (1729-1811) who circumnavigated the world in 1767-1769. He was the first Frenchman to cross the Pacific Ocean and he claimed Tahiti and surrounding islands for France (French Polynesia). He recorded this voyage in *Voyage autour du Monde*.