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*Broussonetia*

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*Broussonetia* commemorates a French physician and naturalist, Pierre Marie Auguste Broussonet (1761-1807), who was made an honorary member of the Royal Society in London in 1780. He returned to France from England some time after the publication in 1782 of his initial work on fishes and in 1789, with the advent of the French Revolution, became a member of the National Assembly in Paris. However he had to flee France and, as he received an unhealthy welcome from French emigrés in both Spain and Portugal, eventually settled in Morocco until the Directory allowed his return. In 1805 he was made professor of botany at Montpellier.