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Citrus reticulata *Clementine*

CLEMENTINE is an evergreen tree.

It is also known as *Clémentine* (French), *Klementiini* (Finnish), and *Klementin* (Swedish).

Reticulata is Latin (net-like) meaning ‘net-veined, netted or marked with a net-like pattern’.

Clementine commemorates Père Clément’s work in breeding the fruit in Algeria in 1902 (specifically, for some, in an orphanage garden there that he looked after). The origins of this cross between a mandarin orange and an orange are uncertain. Some authorities claim it arrived in the West from China. Others suggest that Père Clément (1829-1904), whose name before he was ordained was Vincent Rodier, discovered this new hybrid when the orphanage children were enjoying the fruit from one particular tree ahead of those from all the others.

The small round, orange-coloured fruit are used as a commercial ingredient for making a liqueur.