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Clerodendrum bungei

[Synonyms : *Clerodendron bungei*, *Clerodendrum foetidum*]

GLORY BOWER is a deciduous or evergreen shrub. Native to China it has small fragrant, rosy-red flowers with protruding stamens.

It is also known as Cashmere bouquet, Clerodendrum, French hydrangea, Glory flower, Red Mexican hydrangea, and Rose gloryflower.

Bungei commemorates a German-Russian (some say Ukrainian) botanist and mineralogist, Alexander von Bunge (1803-1890) who was a professor of botany and a director of mineralogy at Tartu University in Estonia. He made expeditions to Siberia, the Altai mountains and other parts of Asia.

It is understood that it was Robert Fortune (1830-1880), the Scottish horticulturist and plant collector, who introduced glory bower to Britain in about 1844.