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Clerodendrum trichotomum

[Synonyms : *Clerodendron trichotomum*, *Clerodendrum serotinum*, *Volkameria japonica*]

CLERODENDRON is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to Japan and eastern China, it has small fragrant, white flowers each surrounded with leaf-like, red sepals.

It is also known as Clerodendrum, Glory tree, Harlequin glory bower, and Japanese clerodendrum.

Trichotomum is derived from Greek *tricho-* (hair) and *tomo-* (cut, piece, slice) components meaning ‘dividing into three’ with reference to the flowers.

The fruit are extremely attractive to birds.

Clerodendron is believed to have been introduced to England in about 1880.