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Colletia cruciata

[Synonyms : *Colletia bictoniensis*, *Colletia paradoxa*]

ANCHOR PLANT is a thorny deciduous shrub. Native to Argentina, Uruguay and southern Brazil, it has almond-scented, yellowish-white flowers.

It is also known as *Kocélie křížatá* (Czech), and *Kolletia* (Finnish, Swedish).

Cruciata is derived from Latin *crux* (cross) meaning ‘cross-shaped’.

The wood has been used locally for building houses and making agriculture implements, wagons, carts and tool handles.

It is believed to have been introduced to North America in 1824.

Anchor plant is grown both as an ornamental plant and as slow-growing hedging.