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*Dalbergia*

*Leguminosae*

[*Fabaceae/Papilionaceae*]

*Dalbergia* commemorates Swedish brothers Carl Gustav Dahlberg (1721-1781) and the younger Nils Ericsson Dahlberg (1736-1820). The former was an army officer who had an estate in Surinam and sent plant specimens to Carolus Linnaeus, the Swedish naturalist and physician, and the latter a botanist and royal physician.

Members of this family absorb nitrogen from the air. Through the bacterial nodules on their deep growing roots, they will introduce nitrogen to the soil (and aerate it), to the benefit of neighbouring plants and any following them in the same soil.