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Faucaria tigrina

[Synonyms : *Mesembryanthemum tigrina*]

TIGER'S JAWS is a succulent perennial. Native to the eastern Cape Province in South Africa it has daisy-like yellow-centred, golden-yellow flowers.

It is also known as Tiger chops, and Tiger's mouth.

Tigrina is derived from Greek *tigro-* or Latin *tigris* (tiger) components meaning 'spotted like a jaguar (called a 'tiger' in South America), striped like an Asiatic tiger, or tiger-toothed'.

The plant is believed to have been introduced to Europe in 1790. Today it can be seen growing there, and elsewhere, as a cultivated ornamental.