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Gladiolus murielae

[Synonyms : *Acidanthera bicolor*, *Acidanthera bicolor* var. *murielae*, *Acidanthera murielae*, *Gladiolus callianthus*, *Ixia quartiniana*]

ACIDANTHERA is a bulbous perennial. Native from Ethiopia to eastern Africa, it has dark red or purple throated, fragrant white flowers.

It is also known as Abyssinian gladiolus, Abyssinian sword lily, *Doftililja* (Swedish), Peacock flower, Peacock orchid, and *Tuoksumiekka* (Finnish).

Murielae honours the daughter of the English-born American botanist and plant collector, Ernest Henry Wilson (1876-1930), known to his friends as ‘Chinese Wilson’. Muriel Primrose Wilson Slate (1906-1976), with her husband Dr. George Slate, originally contributed ‘Veitch’ letters and some of her father’s manuscripts to the Arnold Arboretum (Boston, USA) in 1952.