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Hatiora gaertneri

[Synonyms : *Epiphyllopsis gaertneri*, *Epiphyllum gaertneri*, *Epiphyllum russellianum* var. *gaertneri*, *Rhipsalidopsis gaertneri*, *Rhipsalis gaertneri*, *Schlumbergera gaertneri*]

EASTER CACTUS is a perennial cactus (which grows independently on another plant).

Native to southern Brazil it has small bright red or pink flowers.

Gaertneria commemorates a German physician and botanist, Josef Gärtner (1732-1791) who practised in Stuttgart. He became a Fellow of The Royal Society in 1761.