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*Hovenia*

*Rhamnaceae*

*Hovenia* commemorates a Dutch politician, David ten Hoven (1724-1787). He was one of the financiers behind the 1772-1776 expedition of the Swedish botanist, Carl Per Thunberg (1743-1828), when he travelled to South Africa (where even today he can sometimes be referred to as the Father of South African botany), Java and Japan.