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*Justicia*

*Acanthaceae*

*Justicia* commemorates a Scottish botanist, horticulturist and writer, James Justice (1698-1763) who is believed to have been the first in Scotland to have cultivated a pineapple (the fruit). He was Principal Clerk to the Court of Session in Edinburgh but his horticultural interests dominated his life. Some authorities have suggested that his gardening exploits and experiments (not least with manure, greenhouses, etc.) may well have been not only at the expense of his first family but also at the loss of his Fellowship of The Royal Society (to which he had been elected in 1730). Apart from the pineapple it appears he was extremely successful in raising other exotic plants and fruit too and he seems to have shared his horticultural experience with a wide audience in Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland through his *Scots Gardiner*. Some authorities note that eventually he died a bankrupt.

In the language of flowers it is said to be a symbol of ‘the perfection of female loveliness’.