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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 which fruited. He was Principal Clerk to the Court of Session in Edinburgh but his horticultural interests dominated his life. Some authorities have suggested that his unstinting horticultural gardening exploits and experiments with manure and greenhouses, etc, led to his finances becoming in a sorry state. He lost not only his family but also his Fellowship of The Royal Society to which he had been elected in 1730. Apart from the pineapple *Ananas*, 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 even Ireland through his *Scots Gardiner*. Some experts note that eventually, unfortunately, he died a bankrupt.

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