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Kalanchoe blossfeldiana

[Synonyms : *Kalanchoe globulifera* var. *coccinea*]

KALANCHOE is a succulent shrub. Native to Madagascar it has small, scarlet flowers. It is also known as Flaming Katy, Florist's kalanchoe, *Kolopejka* (Czech), and Madagascar widow's thrill.

Blossfeldiana commemorates a German nurseryman from Potsdam, Robert Blossfeld (c.1920-1940).

Kalanchoe is a popular winter pot plant in some temperate countries.

This species as a pot plant has been the subject of study because it is understood to be a good example of the flowering action of so-called 'short-day' plants. These refuse to flower if subjected to more than about 8 hours of daylight and the mechanism that controls this has been traced to the leaves.