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Millettia

Leguminosae

[*Fabaceae/Papilionaceae*]

Millettia can possibly commemorate one of two people, Dr. Charles Millett or J.A. Millet.

Most often quoted is J.A. Millet, a French botanist living in the 18th Century.

However a British resident in China (Canton and Macao) from 1825-1834 while serving in the East India Company, Dr. Charles Millett, is also suggested. He was probably a physician and is said to have introduced several Chinese plants to the United Kingdom through Glasgow University's Botanical Garden.

Members of this family absorb nitrogen from the air. Through the bacterial nodules on their deep growing roots they will introduce nitrogen to the soil (and aerate it) to the benefit of neighbouring plants and any following them in the same soil.