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*Muntingia* commemorates a Dutch physician and botanist, Abraham Munting (1626-1683) who was a professor of botany at Groningen in the north-eastern Netherlands and director of the botanical garden there, known as Paradijs van Groningen. Previously founded by his father in 1642, Munting enlarged the garden, no doubt with some of the seeds of exotic plants sent to him from all over the world and it drew many visitors (and still does). He wrote several works about plants from the botanical garden and included not only names in Latin and vernacular but also the positions of the planets to indicate the best conditions for their cultivation. These works are illustrated in an unusual style in which an enlarged plant dominates a miniaturised distant landscape. His publications include *Waare oeffening der planten*.