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*Nerine bowdenii*

[Synonyms : *Nerine veitchii*]

**PINK AGAPANTHUS** is a bulbous perennial. Native to South Africa it has pale pink (occasionally white) flowers with prominent stamens.

It is also known as Cape colony nerine, and Large pink nerine.

*Bowdenii* commemorates an English traveller, Athelston Bowden who introduced this species to Britain when he sent bulbs from South Africa to his mother in Cornwall in 1902.

Mrs. Bowden is understood to have passed the bulbs to the Botanic Gardens at Kew after they had been flowering in her garden for two years.

Authorities note that pink agapanthus was introduced to New Zealand in 1930 and quickly gained popularity as an ornamental plant there.

Apart from the foregoing attribution, some authorities say that pink agapanthus was actually introduced to continental Europe in 1889.