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Petrea volubilis

[Synonyms : *Petrea amazonica*, *Petrea arborea*, *Petrea arborea* var. *broadwayi*, *Petrea aspera*, *Petrea atrocoerulea*, *Petrea colombiana*, *Petrea fragrantissima*, *Petrea kohautiana*, *Petrea kohautiana* var. *anomala*, *Petrea mexicana*, *Petrea nitidula*, *Petrea ovata*, *Petrea racemosa*, *Petrea riparia*, *Petrea rivularis*, *Petrea subserrata*, *Petrea swallenii*, *Petrea vincentina*, *Petrea vincentina* var. *albiflora*, *Petrea vincentina* var. *pubescens*]

SANDPAPER VINE is a twining evergreen climbing shrub. Native to tropical America (especially Brazil, Cuba and other West Indian Islands), it has small pale blue to purple outer flower-casings (which outlast the purple flowers they support).

It is also known as Bluebird vine, Blue petrea, Bridal wreath, *Estrela Azul* (Portuguese), *Flor de Jesus* (Portuguese), *Flor de Sta. Maria* (Portuguese), *Liane de St. Jean* (French), *Liane rude* (French), Lilac, Petrea, *Pétrée* (French), *Propellerbuske* (Finnish), Purple wreath, *Purpurkranz* (German), *Purpurkrona* (Swedish), Queen's wreath, Rough-leaf, Stapelia-flowered petrea, Twining petrea, and *Viuvinha* (Portuguese).

Volubilis is Latin (revolving, twisting round, rolling) meaning 'twining'.

It is believed to have been introduced to Britain in 1731.