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Petunia axillaris

[Synonyms : *Petunia nyctaginiflora*]

LARGE WHITE PETUNIA is an annual. Native to Argentina, southern Brazil and to Uruguay, it has fragrant very palest brown to white flowers.

It is also known as *Stor vitpetunia* (Swedish), and *Vitpetunia* (Swedish).

The flowers are especially fragrant at night.

Axillaris is derived from Latin *axilli-* (armpit) component meaning ‘borne in the leaf axils’.

This very fragrant annual (said to have been discovered by Europeans in 1823) is not only itself cultivated as an ornamental plant but is also a parent of many cultivated ornamental hybrids to which it has imparted its fragrance.