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Primula pulverulenta

[Synonyms : *Primula japonica* fo. *robusta*, *Primula shihmienensis*]

POWDERED PRIMROSE is a perennial. Native to Szechwan (China) it has small, purple-lobed or dark-eyed, deep red flowers.

It is also known as Chinese silverdust primrose, and Mealy cowslip.

Pulverulenta is Latin (full of dust, dusty) meaning ‘powdered (as if coated with dust), mealy, covered with a bloom’.

This primrose was introduced to western Europe in 1905.