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Primula x polyantha

[Synonyms : *Primula x flagellicaulis*, *Primula x tommasinii*, *Primula x variabilis*]

POLYANTHUS is a perennial hybrid. It has small flowers of many varied colours.

In flower language polyanthus is said to be a symbol of confidence (lilac), the heart's mystery (crimson), and pride of riches.

Polyantha is derived from Greek *poly-* (many) and *-antha* (flowered) components.

Polyanthus has been known since 1660 and in Britain during the 1750s it was particularly popular. No doubt this enthusiasm contributed to the development of the 'gold-laced' varieties that appeared for the first time then.