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*Pueraria*

*Leguminosae*

[*Fabaceae/Papilionaceae*]

*Pueraria* commemorates a Swiss botanist, Marc Nicolas Puerari (1766-1845), who, although a professor at Copenhagen for most of his life, left his herbarium to a younger compatriot, Alphonse Louis Pierre Pyrame de Candolle (1806-1893).

Members of this family (*Leguminosae*) absorb nitrogen from the air. Through the bacterial nodules on their deep growing roots they will introduce nitrogen to the soil (and aerate it) to the benefit of neighbouring plants and any following them in the same soil.