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*Puschkinia*

*Asparagaceae*

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*Puschkinia* commemorates a Russian chemist, Count Apollos Apollosevitch Mussin-Puschkin, who on an expedition in 1802 collected plants in the Caucasus (the region between the Black and Caspian seas). Some records suggest he was an ambassador in London at some point in his career. He died in 1805 or 1815.

Members of this family 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.