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*Saxifraga stolonifera*

[Synonyms : *Saxifraga chaffanjonii*, *Saxifraga chinensis*, *Saxifraga dumetorum*, *Saxifraga iochanensis*, *Saxifraga ligulata*, *Saxifraga sarmentosa*, *Saxifraga sarmentosa* var. *immaculata*, *Saxifraga stolonifera* var. *immaculata*, *Saxifraga veitchiana*]

**MOTHER-OF-THOUSANDS** is an evergreen perennial. Native to eastern Asia (particularly China and Japan) it has small red- and yellow-spotted, white flowers.

It is also known as Aaron's beard, Beefsteak plant, Creeping sailor, Creeping saxifrage, *Judenbart* (German), *Lomikámen výběžkatý* (Czech), Old man's beard, Otaheite, Roving sailor, Strawberry begonia, Strawberry geranium, Strawberry saxifrage, Wandering Jew, and *Yuki-no-shita* (Japanese).

*Stolonifera* means 'bearing rooting runners or creeping underground stems'.

Benjamin Torrin, while resident Canton supercargo for the East India Company, is understood to have sent this species to the Botanic Gardens at Kew in England in 1770.

Medicinally, it has been used in Java (now Indonesia) to treat earache, and in Chinese medicine it has also been used in remedies for cholera and piles.