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*Scopolia*

*Solanaceae*

*Scopolia* commemorates an Italian physician and naturalist, Giovanni Antonio Scopoli (1723-1788), of worldwide repute. Apart from practising medicine in Cavalese, Venice and, for sixteen years, mercury mines in Slovenian Idria (on the north-western Italian border and then part of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation), he collected plants and insects in the Alps. He was a professor of chemistry, mineralogy and metallurgy at Chemnitz Mining Academy from 1769 and of chemistry and botany at the University of Pavia from 1777. He named several insects, and the drug scopolamine was named after him. His published works include *Flora Carniolica*, *Anni Historico Naturales*, and *Deliciae Flora et Fauna Insubrica Ticini*.