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*Selenicereus*

*Cactaceae*

*Selenicereus* is derived from Greek *selene* (moon) and the genus name *Cereus* components. The latter is the name of another genus of cacti of which these species of night-flowering cacti were once considered to be a part and it has adopted the Latin word *cereus* (waxen, wax-taper) with reference to their inflexibility.