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Serenoa

Palmae

[*Areaceae*]

Serenoa commemorates an American botanist, Sereno Watson (1826-1892). From 1867-1871 he was botanist with the US Government's Geological Exploration of the 40th Parallel headed by the American geologist and engineer, Clarence King.(1842-1901). From 1873-1892 he was a curator at the Harvard Herbarium and during the 1880s made three further botanical explorations to the north-western United States, Guatemala and Europe. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His works include *Volume V:Botany* (of the *Reports of the Geological Exploration of the 40th Parallel*).