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*Solandra*

*Solanaceae*

*Solandra* commemorates a Swedish botanist, Daniel Solander (1736-1782) who was one of those employed by the English botanist, Sir Joseph Banks (1744-1820) to accompany him on Captain Cook's 1768-1771 World Expedition. Solander arrived in England in 1760 and promoted the Swedish physician and naturalist, Carolus Linnaeus' (1707-1778) classification system. In 1771 after the world circumnavigation Solander became Banks' secretary and librarian and accompanied him again on his 1772 Iceland Expedition. From 1773 until 1783 Solander was Keeper of the British Musuem's Natural History Department and in 1779 he also became Curator of the collection of natural history specimens accumulated by the wealthy patron of arts and sciences, Margaret Cavendish Bentinck (1715-1785), Duchess of Portland. Then he died from a stroke. He was a Fellow of The Royal Society and he wrote *The Natural History of Many Curious and Uncommon Zoophytes, Collected by the late John Ellis* published posthumously.