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Stanleya

Cruciferae

[*Brassicaceae*]

Stanleya commemorates an English politician and naturalist, Edward Smith Stanley (1775-1851), 13th Earl of Derby who had an especial interest in the taxonomy of birds. As a politician he supported the Whig party and much later was Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire. He collected, maintained and personally cared for a large menagerie of birds, mammals, fish and reptiles at Knowsley Hall and is still held in high regard today for his skill in breeding rare bird species. He also made extensive notes, named many species scientifically, built a museum for them and wrote papers for The Zoological Society. Stanley supported collectors too who travelled all over the world finding specimens. He was a Knight of the Garter, and President of the Linnean Society of London from 1828-1834 and of The Zoological Society of London from 1831-1851.