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*Strelitzia*

*Strelitziaceae*

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*Strelitzia* commemorates a German patroness of the arts and amateur botanist, Queen Charlotte Sophia (1744-1818), who was a niece of the Duke of Mecklenbur-Strelitz and Consort of George III (1738-1820) of Britain. She had 15 children of which 13 survived to adulthood. She was much involved in the establishment of the botanical gardens at Kew and she extended Queen Charlotte's Cottage (given to her in 1761 as a single storey building upon her marriage to George III) which still stands in Kew grounds.