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*Swertia*

*Gentianaceae*

*Swertia* commemorates a Dutch florist, author and artist, Emmanuel Sweert (1552-1612), who was prefect of the Prague gardens of Rudolph II. He published his *Florilegium* in 1612 and it is sought after today. At the time however it served as a catalogue of plants from his gardens that were being offered for sale at fairs in Frankfurt and Amsterdam.