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*Warszewiczia*

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*Warszewiczia* commemorates a Polish-Lithuanian gardener and plant collector, Jozéf Ritter von Rawicz Warszewicz (1812-1866) who fled from Poland following the unsuccessful 1830 Uprising against Russian domination in which he had taken part. He found himself working at the Berlin Botanical Garden from 1840-1844. Then in 1845 he travelled to the Caribbean (the island of St. Thomas) and Central America (Guatemala) where he began collecting plants on behalf of a Belgian nursery, Messrs. Van Houtte; and the following year he became an independent collector who concentrated on orchids for which he continued to search in Central America. From 1850-1851 he was working with H.G. Reichenback (of Berlin) and from 1851-1853 he moved to South America and collected plants there – after which he returned to Poland and in 1854 became head curator of the Botanic Garden in Cracow, a post he held until the year of his death. His published works included *Catalogus plantarum, quae in C.R. horto botanico Croviensi* (1864).