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Weigela florida

[Synonyms : *Calysphyrum floridum*, *Diervilla florida*, *Diervilla pauciflora*, *Diervilla rosea*, *Weigela amabilis*, *Weigela pauciflora*, *Weigela rosea*]

WEIGELA (English, French) is a deciduous shrub. Native to northern China, and to Korea and Japan, it has small deep pink flowers that are pale pink fading to white inside.

It is also known as *Klokkebusk* (Danish), *Liebliche Weigelie* (German), Old fashioned weigela, *Pessegueiro de Jardim* (Portuguese), *Rosenpraktry* (Swedish), *Vajgélia kvetnatá* (Slovak), *Veigela* (Portuguese), Weigelia, *Weigelie* (German), *Weigelie růžová* (Czech), and *Zanice zimolezovitá* (Czech).

Florida is Latin (flowery) meaning ‘flowering abundantly’.

When Robert Fortune (1813-1880) the Scottish horticulturist was collecting plants in the Far East for The Horticultural Society of London one of the species he introduced in 1845 was weigela – a forerunner of many familiar in gardens today.