

## GERANIACEAE

### THE CORRECT AUTHOR CITATION FOR *PELARGONIUM* SECTION *CORTUSINA*

In the last revision of the genus *Pelargonium* L'Hérit. (Geraniaceae), Knuth (1912) cited De Candolle as the author of the section *Cortusina*. The same author citation was used by Van der Walt & Vorster (1988). A detailed revision of the section *Cortusina*, however, revealed that this is not entirely correct.

The name *Cortusina* was first published by De Candolle (1824), but he applied it to a subseries of the series *Isopetalofedae* DC. in his section *Pelargium* DC. Harvey (1860) was the first author to raise the name *Cortusina* to sectional level when he described *Cortusina* as the 14th of 15 sections recognized by him.

The correct author citation should therefore be *Pelargonium* sect. *Cortusina* (DC.) Harv.

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