

THE CORRECT NAME FOR ALSTROEMERIA AURANTIACA D. DON.

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An evaluation has been made of the species described by Robert Graham (Regius Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh from 1820–1845), including examination of the type species located at Edinburgh and Kew. A full account will be published following the examination of the FI-W Graham types at Florence (FT).

In connection with the forthcoming treatment of *Alstroemeria* in the *European Garden Flora*, attention is here drawn to the fact that the correct name for the plant widely known as *A. aurantiaca* D. Don is *A. aurea* Graham.

A. aurantiaca D. Don was published on the basis of a plant introduced from Chile by Mr Anderson and subsequently grown in the nursery of Mr Low of Clapton, London. Graham's description was obviously based on the same species which he received as a plant at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, from Mr Low, under the name *A. aurea*. The publication of Graham preceded that of Don by two months and his name must therefore be given priority. The synonymy and references are as follows:

Alstroemeria aurea Graham in Edin. New Phil. Journ. 15:181 (July 1833) & in Bot. Mag. 61: t. 3350 (1834)—non Meyen (1834).

Syn.: *A. aurantiaca* D. Don in Sweet, Brit. Fl. Gard. ser. 2, 3: t. 205 (Sept. 1833).

No type specimen of *A. aurea* has been found.