

George Forrest (born 1873 and died 1932)



- George Forrest was Scottish. He was a botanist, which is a scientist that looks at and discovers plants.
- He was a plant explorer and earned the nickname “The Indiana Jones of plant collectors” because he went to lots of different places that had never been explored by scientists before.
- He explored parts of Asia on plant hunting expeditions and was in danger from different tribes fighting, but he managed to stay safe as the local people looked after him.
- He discovered lots of new plants, seeds and shrubs on Tibet, Mynamar and China’s mountains, forests and hillsides which he brought back to England.
- George also explored jungles, cliffs and gorges in the countries, sending back new plants, seeds and animals to England that he had discovered.
- He spent 28 years exploring these countries in search of new species.
- We can buy some of the plants he discovered for our gardens and home, for example



Rhododendrons



Buddleia

(butterfly bush)



Magnolia



Jasmine

- He was given medals and awards for his discoveries, including the Victoria Medal of Honour and the Environmental Excellence Award.
- He died in China.