

Carl Friedrich Förster

Almost nothing is known about this German horticulturist.

Handbuch der Cacteenkunde - 1846

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