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*Amorpha*

*Leguminosae*

[*Fabaceae/Papilionaceae*]

*Amorpha* is derived from Greek *a-* (without) and *-morpha* (shape) components meaning ‘shapeless or deformed’ with reference to the shape of the flowers and the absence of wings or a keel.

Members of this family absorb nitrogen from the air. Through the bacterial nodules on their deep growing roots they will introduce nitrogen to the soil (and aerate it) to the benefit of neighbouring plants and any following them in the same soil.