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*Anthyllis*

*Leguminosae*

[*Fabaceae/Papilionaceae*]

*Anthyllis* is made up of Greek *antho-* (flower) and *ioulos* (down) components with reference to the outer covering of the flower and is applied particularly to kidney vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria*).

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.