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*Anthyllis vulneraria*

[Synonyms : *Anthyllis alpestris*, *Anthyllis dillenii*, *Anthyllis linnaei*, *Anthyllis vulneraria* var. *linnaei*]

**KIDNEY VETCH** is an annual to perennial. Native to Europe and the Mediterranean it has clover-like heads of pale to dark yellow (or red or violet, according to the soil) flowers. It is also known as *Anthyllide* (French), *Antilido vundosaniga* (Esperanto), *Antillide* (Italian), *Apotherklee* (German), *Bôlhoj lekársky* (Slovak), Butterfingers, *Cas an nain* (Irish), Cat's claws, Common kidney vetch, Crae-nebs, Devil's claws, Dog's paise, Double lady's fingers-and-thumbs, Double pincushion, Fingers-and-thumbs, *Gemeiner Wundklee* (German), *Getväppling* (Swedish), God almighty's fingers-and-thumbs, Granny's pincushion, Ladies' fingers, Lady's cushion, Lady's slippers, Lamb's foot, Lamb's toes, *Lapsk getväppling* (Swedish), Mary's fingers, *Masmalo* (Finnish), *Meoir Mhuire* (Irish Gaelic), Pincushion, *Plucen Felen* (Welsh), *Rundbælg* (Danish), Sand clover, Staunchwort, Twins, *Úročník bolhoj* (Czech), *Úročník lékařský* (Czech), *Vulnéraire* (French), *Vulneraria* (Italian, Spanish), *Vulnerária* (Portuguese), Woundwort, *Wundklee* (German), Yellow crow's foot, and Yellow fingers and thumbs.

*Vulneraria* is derived from Latin *vulnus* (wound) with reference to the plant's use for healing wounds.

In some countries it is cultivated as fodder for sheep and goats.

Medicinally, the leaves have been used in the Channel Islands to stem bleeding from wounds.