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Artemisia glacialis

[Synonyms : *Artemisia laxa*, *Artemisia umbelliformis*]

GREATER WORMWOOD is a prostrate perennial. Found in the western Alps (in southern Europe) it has golden yellow flowers.

It is also known as Glacier wormwood.

Greater wormwood can be subject to the restrictions of preservation orders in some areas.

Glacialis is Latin (icy) meaning ‘of or from extremely cold regions particularly near glaciers’.

It is an ingredient in commercially prepared herbal drinks.

At the turn of the 20th and 21st Centuries attempts (as yet unsuccessful) are being made to cultivate greater wormwood.

Medicinally, it is used in its local area only in domestic preparations including some for the treatment of mountain sickness (for which it now appears to be gaining a reputation) and in a poultice that is applied to wounds.