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Astragalus glycyphyllos

[Synonyms : *Hedyphylla glycyphylla*]

WILD LIQUORICE is a prostrate perennial. Native to Asia and Europe (including Britain) it has pea-like, dirty greenish-yellow-or greenish-white flowers.

It is also known as *Astragale à feuilles de réglisse* (French), *Astragalo verdeca* (Esperanto), *Bärenschote* (German), Common milkvetch, Fitsroot, *Hokjespeul* (Dutch), *Kozinec sladkolistý* (Czech, Slovak), *Llaethwyg* (Welsh), Licorice milkvetch, Licorice vetch, Milk-vetch, *Réglisse bâtarde* (French), *Sød astragel* (Danish), *Sötvedel* (Swedish), *Süsse Bärenschote* (German), *Süsser Tragant* (German), and *Süssholz-Tragant* (German): and in flower language is said to be a symbol of ‘I declare against you’ and ‘your presence softens my pains’.

Glycyphyllos is made up of Greek *glyco-* (sweet) and *phyllo-* (leaf) components with reference to ‘sweet-smelling leaves’.

In some areas it has been cultivated for fodder.

The leaves have been used to make a herbal tea.