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Astrantia major

[Synonyms : *Astrantia biebersteinii*, *Astrantia carinthiaca*, *Astrantia carniolica*, *Astrantia carniolica major*, *Astrantia rubra*, *Astrantia trifida*]

ASTRANTIA is a perennial. Native to Europe it has small, green-tipped petalled, greenish-pink or white flowers.

It is also known as Black hellebore, Black masterwort, Black sanicle, Carnic masterwort, *Grande astrance* (French), Greater masterwort, Great masterwort, Hattie's pincushion, *Grosse Sterndolde* (German), *Isotähtiputki* (Finnish), *Jarmanka väčšia* (Slovak), *Jarmanka větši* (Czech), *Kaukasisk stjärnfloka* (Swedish), Large astrantia, Masterwort, Melancholy gentleman, Mountain sanicle, *Stjärnflocka* (Swedish), *Stjärnfloka* (Swedish), and *Stjärnloka* (Swedish).

The flowers are pollinated by beetles and occasionally flies.

This species is protected in some areas.

Major is derived from Latin *maior* (greater) meaning 'greater, bigger or larger'.