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Bupleurum falcatum

[Synonyms : *Bupleurum chinense*, *Bupleurum rossicum*, *Bupleurum scorzoneræfolium*]

SICKLE-LEAVED HARE’S-EAR is a perennial (occasionally annual). Native to Europe (including Britain) it has tiny, yellow flowers.

It is also known as *Kalizewar* (Punjabi), *Mishimo-saiko* (Japanese), *Prerastlík kosákovitý* (Slovak), *Prorostlík srpovitý* (Czech), *Sichelblättriges Hasenohr* (German), *Sichel-Hasenohr* (German), Sickle hare’s-ear, and *Smalbladig harört* (Swedish).

This plant is a protected species in the wild in Britain under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Falcatum is derived from Latin *falcis* (sickle, bill-hook, pruning-hook) meaning ‘sickle-or scythe-shaped’ with reference to the leaves.

Medicinally, in India, the roots have been used to treat some liver disorders.