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*Campanula trachelium*

[Synonyms : *Campanula urticifolia*]

**NETTLE-LEAVED BELLFLOWER** is a perennial. Native to Europe (including Britain) and North Africa, it has violet-blue or white flowers.

It is also known as Bats-in-the-belfry, Blue devil bellflower, Blue devils, Blue foxglove, Canterbury bell, *Clychlys Danadl* (Welsh), Coventry bellflower, Coventry bells, Cover keys, Culver's keys, *Gant de Notre-Dame* (French), Gloves of Mary, Greater Canterbury bell, *Halskraut* (German), Hawkesort, *Imbutini* (Italian), *Nässelklocka* (Swedish), *Nesselblättrige Glockenblume* (German), Old Canterbury bell, Throatroot, Throatwort, *Trakelio* (Esperanto), *Varsankello* (Finnish), *Zvonček prhl'avolistý* (Slovak), *Zvonek kopřivolistý* (Czech), and *Zvonek mrtnatý* (Czech).

The flowers are pollinated by bees.

Nettle-leaved bellflower is a protected plant in the Irish Republic under the Flora Protection Order 1987.

*Trachelium* is the genus name *Trachelium* meaning 'like plants in that genus'.

According to authorities this species was the original 'Canterbury-bells' since superseded by the larger flowered *Campanula medium*.

The leaves have been eaten as a vegetable.

Medicinally, herbalists once used the yellow latex in treatments for tonsillitis or sore throats.