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*Cannabis*

*Cannabaceae*

A Greek name for hemp (*Cannabis sativa*) is *kannabis* and a Latin name is *cannabis*.

From 2001 the United States increased security on its border with Mexico and this decreased dramatically the amount of marijuana smuggled across it into the USA. But the drug cartels responded by further promoting cultivation of cannabis on public land. In the United States private land used for such cultivation can be confiscated and the Country's National Park Service has observed the spread of drug cultivation nationally in parks, particularly those bounding international borders and especially in the States of Arkansas, California and Utah. The effect of this is not just confined to the drug scene as it also presents dangers (even lethal) for park visitors who could unwittingly come across one of these sites and has a massive impact on park environment – apparently the growth of 5 acres of marijuana involving immediate destruction of habitat over that space, as well as the use of fertilisers and pesticides, can affect the vegetation, groundwater, lakes and streams over the surrounding area of as much as 180 acres.