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Cephalanthera damasonium

[Synonyms : *Cephalanthera alba*, *Cephalanthera grandiflora*, *Cephalanthera latifolia*, *Cephalanthera lonchophyllum*, *Cephalanthera pallens*, *Epipactis grandiflora*, *Epipactis pallens*, *Serapias damasonium*, *Serapias grandiflora*, *Serapias lonchophyllum*]

WHITE HELLEBORINE is an orchid. Native to the eastern Mediterranean and Britain, it has tulip-like, yellow-based, creamy white flowers with a yellow-spotted lip.

It is also known as *Bleek bosvogeltje* (Dutch), *Bleiches Waldvögelein* (German), *Breitblatt-Waldvögelein* (German), *Céphalanthère à grandes feuilles* (French), *Céphalanthère blanche* (French), *Elleborine giallognola* (Italian), Large white helleborine, *Okrotice bílá* (Czech), *Stor skogslilja* (Swedish), *Storsyssla* (Swedish), and *Weisses Waldvögelein* (German).

The flowers rarely open fully.

Damasonium is derived from the genus name *Damasonium* meaning ‘like plants in that genus’ which are like water-plantain (*Alisma plantago-aquatica*) – and the Greek name for water-plantain is *damasonium*.