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*Clianthus*

*Leguminosae*

[*Fabaceae/Papilionaceae*]

*Clianthus* is derived from Greek *kleos* (glory) and *antho-* (flower) components with reference for some authorities to the brightly coloured flowers, and for others it means ‘a reclining flower’ with reference to backward-sweeping petals.

Members of this family absorb nitrogen from the air. Through the bacterial nodules on their deep growing roots, they will introduce nitrogen to the soil (and aerate it), to the benefit of neighbouring plants and any following them in the same soil.