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*Coronilla varia*

[Synonyms : *Securigera varia*]

**CROWN VETCH** is a perennial. Native to Europe, it has pea-like small, white, purple or pink flowers.

It is also known as Axseed, Axwort, *Bunte Kronwicke* (German), *Coronilla*, *Troed yr Aderyn* (Welsh), *Ffugbyesen Goronog* (Welsh), Hive vine, *Kirjonivelvirna* (Finnish), Purple crownvetch, *Rosenkronill* (Swedish), and Rose vetch.

Warning – crown vetch is a very poisonous plant that must not be used for domestic purposes. It can be poisonous for some animals.

*Varia* means ‘differing or diverse’ with reference to the colour of the flowers.

Crown vetch used to be grown for fodder in some parts of Europe.

The perennial came to the attention of the North American Cherokee Indian tribe and they applied the plant externally to treat cramps and rheumatism and took it internally to cause vomiting.