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*Cuscuta epilinum*

[Synonyms : *Cuscuta major*, *Cuscuta vulgaris*]

**FLAX DODDER** is a parasitic plant. Found throughout Europe (except Belgium and Denmark and is now rare in Britain) it has tiny, yellowish flowers.

It is also known as *Flachsseide* (German), *Kokotice hubilen* (Czech), *Kukučina ľanová* (Slovak), *Kuskuto lina* (Esperanto), *Linsilke* (Swedish), and *Linsnärja* (Swedish).

The plant seeds from roots that wither once its stems have a hold of the host. The tangled and thread-like, strangling stems wind through the host plant, living on the sap of the host until it has throttled it to death.

It is now rare in Britain.