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*Digitalis lanata*

[Synonyms : *Digitalis lamarckii*]

**WOOLLY FOXGLOVE** is a biennial or perennial. Native to central and south-eastern Europe it has of veined, off-white flowers.

It is also known as Austrian foxglove, Grecian foxglove, *Grekisk fingerborgsblomma* (Swedish), Spinning wheel, *Villasormustinkukka* (Finnish), and *Wolliger Fingerhut* (German).

Warning – it is as poisonous as foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) and contains greater concentrations of the key drugs. It must not be used unless by a qualified practitioner.

Woolly foxglove is similar in appearance to foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*).

*Lanata* is Latin (woolly, wool-bearing).

If anything woolly foxglove is used even more extensively for medicinal purposes than foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*).

The pharmaceutical industry uses the dried leaves of this species today on a commercial basis to make heart drugs..

Medicinally, this foxglove is used in homoeopathic remedies.