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*Echium*

*Boraginaceae*

*Echium* is derived from Greek *echi-* (adder) with reference severally to a perceived resemblance between the seeds and an adder's head or the spotted stem and a snake's skin, or even the plant's past use as an antidote for an adder's bite (that ideally should have been taken before being bitten). Additionally *echion* was one of the plants' ancient Greek names