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Epifagus virginiana

[Synonyms : *Epiphegus virginiana*, *Leptamnium virginianum*, *Orobanche virginiana*,
Septamnium virginianum]

BEECHDROPS is a parasitic plant. Native to North America it has bud-like, dull magenta or pale brown flowers.

It is also known as Broom rape, Cancer drops, Cancer root, Clapwort, Pinedrops, and Virginia brown-rape.

Virginiana means 'of or from Virginia (United States)' which itself was named after the English 'Virgin Queen' Elizabeth I (1533-1603).

The North American Iroquois Indians are said to have used a plant infusion to treat some female disorders.

Because of its astringent properties the whole plant can be used to treat wounds and is also able to arrest gangrene.