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Euphorbia marginata

[Synonyms : *Agaloma marginata*, *Dichrophyllum marginatum*, *Euphorbia variegata*, *Lepadena marginata*]

SNOW-ON-THE-MOUNTAIN is an invasive annual. Native to mid-western North America it has white flowers surrounded with petal-like, white leaves (bracts).

It is also known as *Broktörel* (Swedish), Ghostweed, *Kalipika tsitsike* (Pawnee North American Indian), Milkweed, *Mliečnik obrúbený* (Slovak), Mountain snow, Mountain spurge, *Pryšec vroubený* (Czech), *Pryšovec vroubený* (Czech), Rattlesnake weed, Snow-in-summer, Snow thoroughwort, Variegated spurge, and White-margined spurge.

Warning – the flowers and seeds are potentially poisonous and the milky sap throughout the plant is corrosive.

Marginata is derived from Latin *marginis* (edge, border) meaning ‘edged’.

The North American Kiowa Indians of New Mexico have used the corrosive sap as a source of chewing gum.

For one or two Indian tribes it provided medicine. Some of the North American Dakota Indians prescribed it for nursing mothers without milk, and they also applied it externally on swellings.

In Texas in the United States the plant’s juice has been used in cattle branding.