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Galeopsis tetrahit

[Synonyms : *Galeopsis carthusianorum*]

COMMON HEMP-NETTLE is an annual. Native to Europe it has small, darker marked, pale magenta (rarely white or yellow) flowers with notched lower lip.

It is also known as Bastard hemp, Bee-nettle, Brittlestem hempnettle, Common hemp-nettle, Deye nettle, Dog-nettle, False hemp, Flowering nettle, *Gemeiner Hohlzahn* (German), *Gewöhnlicher Hohlzahn* (German), Hemp dead nettle, Iron weed, *Konopice polní* (Czech), *Konopnica napuchnutá* (Slovak), Nettle, Nettle hemp, *Penboeth Cyffredin* (Welsh), *Pipdån* (Swedish), *Stechender Hohlzahn* (German), and Wild hemp.

Warning – the plant is potentially poisonous for animals (although recently reported cases appear to be ambiguous).

Common hemp-nettle has no relationship with the stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*).

Tetrahit means 'four-parted'.

Stem fibre has been used for cordage.

According to records the plant came to be known by a few North American Indian tribes including the Iroquois who believed that they could cure a case of bewitchment by taking a root infusion which would cause vomiting.

As a medicine however the Potawatomi tribe used a plant infusion to treat some lung problems.

Medicinally, herbalists recommended common hemp-nettle in remedies for intestinal, spleen and lung disorders.