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*Galinsoga parviflora*

[Synonyms : *Adventina parviflora*, *Galinsoga parviflora* var. *semicalva*, *Galinsoga quinqueradiata*, *Galinsoga semicalva*, *Galinsoga semicalva* var. *percalva*, *Stemmatella sodiroi*, *Wiborgia acmella*, *Wiborgia parviflora*]

**GALLANT SOLDIER** is an annual. Native to Peru and Argentina it has small, yellow-centred, white flowers.

It is also known as *Bribil* (Javanese), French weed, *Gängel* (Swedish), Joey hooker, *Kal gängel* (Swedish), *Kang'ei* (Kikuyu), Kew weed, *Kleinblütiges Franzosenkraut* (German), *Kleinblütiges Knopfkraut* (German), *Knopfkraut* (German), *Knopkruid* (Afrikaans), Littleflower quickweed, McDonald's eye, *Pěťour malokvětý* (Czech), *Pěťour maloúborný* (Czech), *Slätgängel* (Swedish), Small-flowered quick weed, Small flower galinsoga, and Soldiers of the Queen.

*Parviflora* is derived from Latin *parvi-* (small, little) and *-flora* (flowered) meaning 'small flowered'.

The common name Gallant soldier is a pun on the botanical name.

In Java it has been eaten as a vegetable.

Authorities note that gallant soldier was introduced to Kew Gardens in southern England in 1796 and half a century later it had established itself outside the Gardens' boundaries.

Medicinally, like those of broad-leaved dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*), the leaves of gallant soldier have been used to neutralise the discomfort of nettle stings.