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Gentiana pneumonanthe

[Synonyms : *Ciminalis pneumonanthe*, *Dasystephana pneumonanthe*, *Gentianusa pneumonanthe*, *Pneumonanthe vulgaris*, *Tretorhiza pneumonanthe*]

MARSH GENTIAN is a perennial. Native to Europe (including Britain) and to northern Asia, it has purplish blue flowers with green-spotted bands outside.

It is also known as Autumn bellflower, Bog gentian, Calathian violet, *Crwynllys y Rhos* (Welsh), Harvest bell, *Hořec hořepník* (Czech), *Horec pl'úcny* (Slovak), *Hořepník luční* (Czech), *Hořepník proužkatý* (Czech), *Höstklocka* (Swedish), *Klockgentiana* (Swedish), *Klokke-Ensian* (Danish), *Lungen-Enzian* (German), Lung flower, *Mettimborsa* (Italian), *Pneumonanthe* (French), and Windflower.

In Britain at least this species is considered to be endangered in the wild.

Pneumonanthe is derived from Greek *pneumono-* (lung) component meaning 'lung-flower'. This plant whose roots (like those of its relatives) have been used medicinally, also yields a blue dye from its flowers.

Medicinally it was once used in remedies for some lung diseases.