

You are viewing one of thousands of biographies – click below for more, including Search box and access to Plant associated organisations.

[Plant Biographies](#)

[Bibliography](#)

---

*Gentiana purpurea*

**PURPLE GENTIAN** is a perennial. Native to the western European Alps it has honey-scented, deep purple-spotted inside, purplish-red flowers that are green-striped outside. It is also known as *Baggsöta* (Swedish), *Enzian* (German), *Gentian*, *Gentiane pourpre* (French), *Punakatkerö* (Finnish), *Purplenzian* (German), and *Purpurgentiana* (Swedish).

This is a protected species in some areas.

*Purpurea* is Latin (purple-coloured).