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*Hieracium*

*Compositae*

[*Asteraceae*]

*Hieracium* is for some a corruption of the plants' Greek classical name *hierakion* derived from Greek *hierax* (falcon, hawk). Other authorities suggest that *Hieracium* was a classical Greek name of similar plants to those in this genus.

There was once a tradition that hawks were able to improve their sight by drinking the sap.