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Iris tuberosa

[Synonyms : *Hermodactylus tuberosus*]

SNAKE’S-HEAD IRIS is a perennial. Native to southern Europe (from southern France to Greece), it has small, fragrant, iris-like, yellow-green flowers with almost black-tipped, purple-brown petals and a green hood.

It is also known as *Agriókrinos* (Greek), *Kourounóhorto* (Greek), Widow iris, and *Yumrulu süsen* (Turkish).

Tuberosa means ‘tuberous’ with reference to its roots.

Medicinally, the roots’ purgative properties have been used in Europe in the past.