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Kickxia elatine

[Synonyms : *Antirrhinum elatine*, *Elatinoides elatine*, *Linaria elatine*]

SHARP-LEAVED FLUELLEN is an (often prostrate) annual. Native to Europe it has straight spurred snapdragon-like, pale yellowish to bluish flowers with a violet upper lip.

It is also known as Fluellen, Fluellin, Fluvellin, Hair plant, Roundleaf fluvellin, Sharpleaf cancerwort, Sharp-pointed toadflax, Sharppoint fluvellin, *Spjutsporre* (Swedish),

Spjutsporreblomma (Swedish), *Trwyn y Llo Blaenfeinddail* (Welsh), *Úporek hrálovitý* (Czech), *Véronique femelle* (French), and *Xatbet l-art* (Maltese).

Sharp-leaved fluellen is a protected plant in the Irish Republic under the Flora Protection Order 1987.

Elatine is an ancient Greek name used by Dioscorides (c. 40-c. 90) and Pliny the Elder (23-79) for an unidentified creeping plant.