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Lamium amplexicaule

[Synonyms : *Galeobdolon amplexicaule*, *Lamiopsis amplexicaulis*, *Lamiopsis stepposum*,
Lamium amplexicaule var. *album*, *Pollichia amplexicaulis*]

HENBIT DEAD-NETTLE is an annual. Native to Europe and from the Mediterranean to Iran, it has small rose-coloured flowers with protruding stamens and a spotted lower lip.

It is also known as Bee nettle, Blind nettle, Common deadnettle, Common henbit, Deadnettle, Giraffehead, Henbit, Henbit nettle, *Hluchavka objímavá* (Czech, Slovak), *Lamier pied-de-poule* (French), *Marddanhadlen Goch Gron* (Welsh), *Mjukplister* (Swedish), *Stängelumfassende Taubnessel* (German), and *Stengelumfassende Taubnessel* (German).

The flowers are pollinated by bees.

Warning – the whole plant is potentially poisonous for animals (although no recent cases have been recorded in Britain, staggers has been reported in Australian livestock).

Amplexicaule is derived from Latin *amplexi-* (embrace) and *cauli-* (stem) components meaning ‘stem-clasping’ with reference to the base of the leaf.

The common name Henbit arose from the fact that chickens eat the seeds.