

*Lamium maculatum*

[Synonyms : *Lamium affine*, *Lamium album* var. *maculatum*, *Lamium cardiaca*, *Lamium columnae*, *Lamium cupreum*, *Lamium cupreum* subsp. *dilatatum*, *Lamium dilatatum*, *Lamium foliosum*, *Lamium grandiflorum*, *Lamium grenieri*, *Lamium gundelsheimeri*, *Lamium hirsutum*, *Lamium laevigatum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *bourgaei*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *cupreum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *glabratum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *grenieri*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *hirsutum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *kansuense*, *Lamium maculatum* forma *lacteum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *laevigatum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *longifolium*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *maculatum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *nemorale*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *niveum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *rubrum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *rugosum*, *Lamium maculatum* subsp. *strictopurpureum*, *Lamium maculatum* var. *villosifolium*, *Lamium melissifolium*, *Lamium mutabile*, *Lamium niveum*, *Lamium pallidiflorum*, *Lamium rubrum*, *Lamium rugosum*, *Lamium stoloniferum*, *Lamium tillii*, *Lamium tomentosum*, *Lamium truncatum*, *Lamium villosifolium*, *Lamium vulgatum*, *Lamium vulgatum* var. *rubrum*]

**SPOTTED DEAD NETTLE** is a mat-forming, semi-evergreen perennial. Native to the European Mediterranean and to Asia Minor, it has small, purple-pink flowers.

It is also known as Dead nettle, *Deddo nettoru* (Japanese), Devil's clover, Devil's nettle, Double tongue, *Foltos árvacsalán* (Hungarian), *Gefleckte Taubnessel* (German), *Gevlekte dovenetel* (Dutch), *Hluchavka* (Slovak), *Hluchavka skvrnitá* (Czech), *Lamier à feuilles maculées* (French), *Lamier maculé* (French), *Lamier rouge* (French), *Lamier taché* (French), *Lamier tcheté* (French), Lion's paw, *Marddanhadlen Fraith* (Welsh), Ornamental dead nettle, *Ortie rouge* (French), *Pinkupaaru* (Japanese), Purple dragon, *Ramiumu pinkupaaru* (Japanese), *Rosenplister* (Swedish), St. Vincent's nettle, Spotted henbit, Spotted nettle, and *Täplälehtipieippi* (Finnish).

The flowers are pollinated by bumble-bees.

Warning – spotted dead nettle is potentially poisonous for animals (although no recent cases have been recorded in Britain).

*Maculatum* is derived from Latin *macula* (spot, stain) meaning 'spotted or blotched'.

Some authorities believe this to be a variety of white dead nettle *Lamium album*.