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Lathyrus latifolius

[Synonyms : *Lathyrus angustifolius*, *Lathyrus latifolius* var. *splendens*, *Lathyrus megalanthus*, *Lathyrus membranaceus*, *Lathyrus sylvestris*, *Lathyrus sylvestris* subsp. *latifolius*]

BROAD-LEAVED EVERLASTING-PEA is an invasive climbing vine. Native to Europe it has small pea-like, rose to purple (rarely white) flowers.

It is also known as Argentine pea, *Breedbladlathyrus* (Dutch), *Breitblättrige Platterbse* (German), *Cizirão* (Portuguese), Everlasting pea, Everlasting pea vine, *Gesse des bois* (French), Hardy sweet-pea, *Hrachor* (Slovak), *Hrachor širolistý* (Czech), Perennial pea, Perennial pea vine, Perennial sweet pea, Pink perennial pea, *Pois vivace* (French), *Rosenvial* (Swedish), *Ruusunätkelmä* (Finnish), Wild pea, and *Ytbyesen Barhaus Lyndanddail* (Welsh); and in flower language is said to be a symbol of ‘appoint a meeting’, and ‘lasting pleasure’.

Warning – broad-leaved everlasting-pea is poisonous and can cause lathyrism eg. paralysis of the larynx, excitability, convulsions and ultimately death. It is poisonous for animals.

Latifolius is made up of Latin *lati-* (broad, wide) and *-folia* (leaved) components.