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Limonium vulgare

[Synonyms : *Limonium vulgare* subsp. *seratinum*, *Statice behen*, *Statice limonium*, *Statice scanica*, *Statice scanica* var. *hallandica*]

COMMON SEA LAVENDER is a perennial. Native from north-western Europe to North Africa, it has many small pale purple to deep blue flowers.

It is also known as *Acelga silvestre* (Spanish), *Lafant y Môr* (Welsh), *Limonio* (Portuguese), *Limonka obecna* (Czech), *Marrisp* (Norwegian, Swedish), Marsh rosemary, Mediterranean sea lavender, Sea lavender, Sea thrift, *Strandflieder* (German), and *Tæt blomstret Hindebæger* (Danish).

The flowers are pollinated by bees as well as beetles, flies and the wind.

Vulgare means 'common'.

Familiar to some of the North American Indians it was used to treat tuberculosis by the Micmac tribe.

This perennial is cultivated for the everlasting flowers familiar in many dried Winter arrangements and provides florists with their ubiquitous purple or blue-violet everlasting flowers.

The plant has moth repellent qualities – and the root yields tannin.