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Linum bienne

[Synonyms : *Linum angustifolium*]

PALE FLAX is an annual or perennial. Found in Europe (including Britain) it has small pale blue flowers.

It is also known as *Kittien* (Maltese), *Lan* (Slovak), *Len úzkolistý* (Czech), *Llin Culddail* (Welsh), *Schmalblättriger Lein* (German), *Wildlein* (German), and *Zweijähriger Lein* (German).

It is believed to be the species from which the other cultivated varieties could be derived.

Bienne means 'biennial'.

Pale flax was being cultivated thousands of years ago. It was eventually to be superseded by today's flax (*Linum usitatissimum*).