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*Lupinus*

*Fabaceae*

[*Leguminosae/Papilionaceae/Papilionoideae*]

*Lupinus* is derived from Latin *lupus* (wolf) with reference to an incorrect belief that the plants reduced the soil's fertility and is a classical Latin name for 'lupin'.

The raw seed of some species of lupin can be poisonous for humans and animals and can affect heart action and the toxicity of such a species can vary annually according to climatic conditions.

In the United States the State of Texas has adopted a lupin as an emblem.

Members of this family absorb nitrogen from the air. Through the bacterial nodules on their deep growing roots, they will introduce nitrogen to the soil (and aerate it), to the benefit of neighbouring plants and any following them in the same soil.