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Melica nutans

[Synonyms : *Aira nutans*, *Poa nutans*]

MOUNTAIN MELICK is a perennial grass. Native to northern and south-western Asia and to Europe (including Britain) it has small purple or maroon spikelets.

It is also known as *Bergslok* (Swedish), *Bergsslok* (Swedish), *Mednička odvisnutá* (Slovak), *Meligwellt Gogwydd* (Welsh), *Mélique penchée* (French), *Nickendes Perlgras* (German), Nodding melick, Nodding mellic, *Nuokkuhelmikkä* (Finnish), *Perlovník ponikajuščij* (Russian), *Perlowka zwista* (Polish), *Slokgräs* (Swedish), *Strdivka nicí* (Czech), and Wood melick.

This species has been listed as rare or endangered in the Red Book in Mongolia.

Nutans is derived from Latin *nuto* (to nod) meaning ‘nodding’.