

Melilotus albus

[Synonyms : *Melilotus alba*, *Melilotus albus* forma *albus*, *Melilotus albus* var. *annua*, *Melilotus albus* var. *annuus*, *Melilotus argutus*, *Melilotus leucanthus*, *Melilotus melanospermus*, *Melilotus officinalis*, *Melilotus officinalis* var. *albus*, *Melilotus vulgaris*, *Sertula alba*]

WHITE MELILOT is an annual or biennial. Native to Asia and Europe, it has tiny pea-like, sweet scented white flowers.

It is also known as *Almengó blanc* (Catalan, Spanish), *Bai hua cao mu xi* (Chinese), Bokhara clover, *Bokharaklee* (German), Cabaul clover, Cabul clover, *Donnik belyi* (Russian), *Fehér somkóró* (Hungarian), *Heuin jeon dong ssa ri* (Korean), *Hierba orejera* (Spanish), Honey, Honey clover, Honey lotus, *Hvid stenkløver* (Danish), *Hvit steinkløver* (Norwegian), *Komonica biela* (Slovak), *Komonice bílá* (Czech), *Meillionen Tair Dalen Gwyn* (Welsh), Melilot (Catalan, English, Spanish), *Mélilot blanc* (French), *Meliloto* (Spanish), *Meliloto bianco* (Italian), *Meliloto blanco* (Spanish), *Meliloto branco* (Portuguese), *Melilotos* (Greek), *Mielcón* (Spanish), *Mielga* (Spanish), *Nostrzyk biały* (Polish), *Shirobana shinagawa hagi* (Japanese), Sweet clover, Sweet lucerne, Sweet melilot, Sweet-scented clover, Sweet white clover, Trebol, *Trébol de olor blanco* (Argentinian, Mexican, Spanish), *Trébol oloroso* (Spanish), Tree clover, *Valkomesikkä* (Finnish), *Vit sötväppling* (Swedish), *Wachaga iyechecha* (Dakota North American Indian), *Weisser Honigklee* (German), *Weisser Steinklee* (German), White melilot clover, White melilotus, White millet, White sweet clover, Wild trifoli, *Witstinkklaver* (Afrikaans), and *Witte honingklaver* (Dutch).

Warning – SEE *Melilot* GENUS entry.

Albus means ‘white’ with reference to the flowers.

White melilot’s greatest uses are as fodder, as a honey plant and as ground cover for green manure. (Authorities note that the fodder does require some care to ensure it is unspoiled.)

In the United States it has been used locally to repel moths from clothing while at the same time perfuming them. It has also been used to flavour cheese, and tobacco.

Medicinally, it has been used rarely except for past homoeopathic remedies, and in Middle America for use as a stimulant. It tends now to be found only as an ingredient in ointments that encourage the healing of skin complaints.

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HUBAM CLOVER is a variety of ribbed melilot *Melilotus officinalis*.

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Hubam clover was developed for drought-resistance and to give both a high weight yielding fodder and a honey-yielding crop.

This variety was developed by a Professor Harold D. Hughes (1882-1969) of Alabama in the United States in the early 1900s. It is understood the name Hubam is derived from Professor Hughes’ surname together with the name of the State from which it hailed.