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Melilotus altissima

[Synonyms : *Melilotus altissimus*, *Melilotus macrorrhizus*, *Melilotus officinalis*, *Sertula altissima*]

TALL MELILOT is a biennial or perennial. Native to Europe it has small pea-like, yellow flowers.

It is also known as Hart's clover, *Hoher Steinklee* (German), *Isomesikkä* (Finnish), King's claver, *Komonice nejvyšší* (Czech), *Komonice vysoká* (Czech), *Meillionen y Ceirw* (Welsh), *Stor sötväppling* (Swedish), Tall yellow sweetclover, Wild gold chain, Wild laburnum, and Yellow melilot.

Altissima means 'tallest or very tall'.

Tall melilot has similar uses to those of ribbed melilot (*Melilotus officinalis*) including local use for food flavouring but particularly as a fodder crop.

Medicinally, herbalists once recognized tall melilot as a significant part of a traditional poultice known as Melilot Plaister. It was also used for external treatment of ulcers, rheumatism and swollen joints and glands.