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Orobanche minor

COMMON BROOMRAPE is a parasitic plant. Native to tropical Africa (including Zimbabwe) it has reddish-brown stems and dirty-pink flowers.

It is also known as Clover broomrape, Devil's root, *Gorfanc Lleiaf* (Welsh), Hell root, Hell weed, Herb-bane, *Klawerbesemraap* (Afrikaans), *Kleewürger* (German), *Kleine Sommerwurz* (German), *Klöversnyltrot* (Swedish), Lesser broomrape, *Sété yeDjib ras* (Ethiopian), Strangle-tare, and *Zárazka menší* (Czech).

Minor means 'smaller or lesser'

Records indicate that the ancient Greeks ate common broomrape raw or boiled like asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*).

In 17th Century Europe the plant was steeped in oil to treat freckles and facial blemishes.