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*Paraderris*

*Leguminosae*

[*Fabaceae/Papilionaceae*]

*Paraderris* is derived from the components Greek *para-* (beside, near, close to, alongside) and the genus name *Derris* (itself a Greek word meaning ‘leather covering’) as a reference not only to the similarity of the genera but also to their tough seed pods.

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.