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Patrinia scabiosifolia

[Synonyms : *Fedia scabiosifolia*, *Fedia serratulifolia*, *Patrinia hispida*, *Patrinia parviflora*, *Patrinia scabiosifolia* fo. *glabra*, *Patrinia scabiosifolia* var. *hispida*, *Patrinia scabiosifolia* var. *nantcianensis*, *Patrinia serratulifolia*]

PATRINIA is a perennial. Native to Korea it has maroon-streaked stems that can turn orange and leaflets that turn yellow and purple-bronze in Autumn, and spikes of tiny fragrant star-shaped, yellow flowers.

It is also known as Camel's clover.

Warning – excessive doses of the plant can cause changes in the blood, as well as nausea and dizziness.

Scabiosifolia is derived from the genus name *Scabiosa* and *-folia* (leaved) components meaning 'with leaves like those in that (scabious) genus'.

Locally the fresh or dried young leaves, the tips of stems and the flowerbuds have provided flavouring for soup and other savoury dishes.

Medicinally, Korean herbalists have used the root in remedies for fevers, fluid retention and some skin disorders, as well as as an antidote for some poisons. The whole plant has also been used locally in treatments for various period problems, internal abscesses, circulatory disorders and appendicitis. The crushed leaves have been applied to external abscesses and boils.