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Pentaglottis sempervirens

[Synonyms : *Anchusa sempervirens*, *Caryolopha sempervirens*]

GREEN ALKANET is a perennial. Native to south-western Europe it has small white-eyed, bright blue flowers.

It is also known as Alkanet, Dyer's bugloss, Evergreen alkanet, Evergreen bugloss, *Hästtunga* (Swedish), *Llys y Gwrid* (Welsh), *Orcanète* (French), *Orcanette* (French), *Overblijvende Ossentong* (German), *Pentaglottis*, Perennial alkanet, and *Pilátka vždyzelená* (Czech).

Warning – contact with the rough hairs on the leaves can cause dermatitis. It may be poisonous for some animals.

Sempervirens is made up of Latin *semper* (always) and *vivo* (to live, be alive) components meaning 'evergreen'.

The fresh edible flowers have been used to decorate salads and fruity drinks.

Root and bark yield a red-colouring dye.

This perennial is cultivated as an ornamental plant.