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Persicaria mitis

[Synonyms : *Persicaria laxiflora*, *Polygonum dubium*, *Polygonum hydropiperoides*,
Polygonum laxiflorum, *Polygonum mite*]

TASTELESS WATER-PEPPER is an annual. Native to north-western Europe it has small, rarely white, pink flowers.

It is also known as *Fjernblomstret pileurt* (Danish), Lax-flowered persicaria, Marsh persicaria, *Milder Knöterich* (German), *Mild pileurt* (Danish), Mild water pepper, *Penboeth Diflas* (Welsh), *Poligono bianco* (Italian), *Rdesno řídkokvěté* (Czech), *Rdest wielkokwiatowy* (Polish), *Renouée douce* (French), Small water-pepper, and *Zachte duizendknoop* (Dutch).

Tasteless water-pepper is considered to be threatened in the wild in Britain.

Mitis is Latin (mellow, gentle, mild) meaning ‘mild, gentle, mellow or thornless’.