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Petasites fragrans

[Synonyms : *Cacalia alliariifolia*]

WINTER HELIOTROPE is an invasive perennial. Native to the central Mediterranean it has small vanilla scented, purplish tinted, white flowers.

It is also known as *Doftskräp* (Swedish), European winter heliotrope, *Héliotrope d'hiver* (French), *Pas d'âne* (Channel Islander-Guernsey and Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French), *Pétasite* (French), *Sombreiro* (Portuguese), Sweet coltsfoot, and Sweet-scented coltsfoot.

Although not evergreen the leaves are persistent in temperate climates.

Fragrans is derived from Latin *fragranti*- (fragrant, pleasant-scented, sweet-smelling).

Winter heliotrope was a popular pot plant during the Victorian era in Britain.