Phacelia crenulata

[Synonyms : *Phacelia crenulata* var. *crenulata*]

**NOTCHLEAF PHACelia** is an unpleasant-smelling, succulent annual. Native to North America it has shiny red stems, and small sweetly fragrant, dark blue-purple flowers. It is also known as Cleftleaf wildheliotrope, Notch-leaved phacelia, Phacelia, Scallop phacelia, Scorpion flower, Scorpionweed, Stinky phacelia, and Wild heliotrope.

Warning – contact with the leaves can cause dermatitis.

*Crenulata* means ‘somewhat lobed or shallow and small rounded-toothed lobed’. Notchleaf phacelia provided a veterinary medicine for North American Hopi Indians. The plant was applied to animal wounds, especially those suffered by horses.