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Phacelia 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’.

Notchleaf phacelia provided a veterinary medicine for North American Hopi Indians. The plant was applied to animal wounds, especially those suffered by horses.