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Phleum bertolonii

[Synonyms : *Phleum hubbardii*, *Phleum nodosum*, *Phleum pratense* subsp. *bertolonii*]

SMALLER CAT'S-TAIL is a perennial grass. Native to Europe (including Britain) it has occasionally purple-tinged, pale green spikelets.

It is also known as *Bojíněk hlíznatý* (Czech), *Codolina di Bertoloni* (Italian), Diploid timothy, *Fleo* (Portuguese), *Fléole bulbeuse* (French), *Knoldoddegras* (Dutch), *Knolliges Lieschgras* (German), Lesser cat's-tail, *Rhonwellt Penfain* (Welsh), Small-leaved timothy-grass, Small timothy, Timothy grass, Turf grass, and *Zwiebel-Lieschgras* (German).

Bertolonii commemorates an Italian botanist, Antonio Bertoloni (1775-1869), who was professor of botany at Bologna from 1816-1869. His published works include *Flora italica*, *Florula guatimalensis*, *Miscellanea botanica*, and *Piante nuove asiatiche*.

This is the clan plant badge of the Scottish Sutherland family. In earlier times these badges helped to distinguish between families wearing confusing tartans but their use declined for a while. Then in 1822 this identification of the different clans was revived for George II's visit to Edinburgh.