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*Phuopsis*

*Rubiaceae*

*Phuopsis* is, for some authorities, derived from Greek *phou* or *phu* (a name for a kind of valerian, probably *Valeriana phu*) and *-opsis* (likeness) components meaning ‘like plants in the *Valeriana* genus’, and for others a reference to a similarity of smell of some valerians to crosswort (*Phuopsis stylosa*) the only species in this genus.