

You are viewing one of thousands of biographies – click below for more, including Search box and access to Plant associated organisations.

[Plant Biographies](#)

[Bibliography](#)

Polycarpon tetraphyllum

[Synonyms : *Alsine polycarpa*, *Alsine polycarpon*, *Holosteum tetraphyllum*, *Mollugo tetraphylla*, *Polycarpaea tetraphylla*, *Polycarpon floribundum*, *Polycarpon tetraphyllum* subsp. *tetraphyllum*, *Polycarpon tetraphyllum* var. *verticillatum*]

FOUR LEAVED ALLSEED is an annual (or biennial or perennial). Native to western Europe (including south-western Britain and the Channel Islands) and to the Mediterranean, it has tiny papery, greenish-white flowers.

It is also known as Four leaf manyseed, Four leaved polycarp, *Gorhadog* (Welsh), *Kýlatka čtyřlistá* (Czech), *Kynsiyrtti* (Finnish), *Migliarina a foglie* (Italian), *Naaldvrug* (Afrikaans), *Nagelkraut* (German), *Polycarpe à quatre feuilles* (French), *Stosemä štvorlisté* (Slovak), *Tusenfrö* (Swedish), and *Vierblättriges Nagelkraut* (German).

Four leaved allseed is considered to be threatened in the wild in Britain.

Tetraphyllum is derived from Greek *tetra-* (four) and *phyllo-* (leaf) components meaning ‘four-leaved or with four leaflets’.