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*Polygonatum*

*Convallariaceae*

[*Asparagaceae/Liliaceae*]

*Polygonatum* is a corruption of a Greek name *polygonaton* derived from Greek *poly-* (many) and *gony-* (knee, kneed) components with reference to the many joints on the underground stem.

Some authorities note that species in this genus can be potentially poisonous and could cause vomiting and diarrhoea.