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Polygonatum odoratum

[Synonyms : *Convallaria odorata*, *Convallaria polygonatum*, *Polygonatum hondoense*, *Polygonatum japonicum*, *Polygonatum langyaense*, *Polygonatum maximowiczii*, *Polygonatum officinale*, *Polygonatum officinale* var. *papillosum*, *Polygonatum planifilium*, *Polygonatum pruinatum*, *Polygonatum quelpaertense*, *Polygonatum simizui*, *Polygonatum thunbergii*, *Polygonatum vulgare*]

ANGULAR SOLOMON’S-SEAL is a perennial. Native to Europe (including Britain) and to Asia (particularly Switzerland and Siberia), it has small sweetly fragrant, green-tinted, white flowers.

It is also known as Common Solomon’s seal, Drug Solomon’s seal, *Gemeine Weisswurz* (German), *Getrams* (Swedish), *Kalliokielo* (Finnish), *Kokorík voňavý* (Slovak), *Kokořík vonný* (Czech), Lesser Solomon’s seal, *Pecetea lui Solomon* (Rumanian), *Salomonssiegel* (German), *Sceau de Salomon* (French), Scented Solomon’s seal, Sweet scented Solomon’s seal, *Springwurz* (German), Vagabond’s friend, and *Wohlriechende Weisswurz* (German).

Warning – all parts of the plant may be poisonous and the berries are extremely poisonous.

Weak infusions of the roots should only be taken internally for very short periods. It can cause blurred vision, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting and heart distress. It may be poisonous for some animals.

The roots are dug up in Spring or Autumn for medicinal use.

Odoratum is derived from Latin *odor* (scent, smell, odour) meaning ‘scented or fragrant’.