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Polygonum sagittatum

[Synonyms : *Persicaria sagittata*, *Polygonum sagittatum* var. *gracilentum*, *Polygonum sagittifolium*, *Tracaulon sagittatum*, *Tracaulon sagittatum* var. *gracilentum*, *Truellum sagittatum*]

AMERICAN TEAR THUMB is a climbing/trailing annual. Native to eastern Asia and to North America it has small, greenish-white or deep pink flowers.

It is also known as Arrow-leaf tearthumb, Arrow-leaved persicaria, Arrow-leaved tear thumb, Arrow-leaved waterpepper, False buckwheat, *Jian ye liao* (Chinese), and Tear-thumb. *Sagittatum* is derived from Latin *sagitta* (arrow) meaning 'arrow-shaped' with reference to the leaves.