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Primula denticulata

[Synonyms : *Primula alta*, *Primula limnoica*, *Primula sinodenticulata*]

DRUMSTICK PRIMULA is a perennial. Native to the Himalayas (from Afghanistan to Burma or, as the latter is now called, Myanmar) it has small fragrant, yellow-eyed, sometimes white, pale-to red-purple flowers.

It is also known as Cashmere primrose, *Prvosienka himalájská* (Czech), *Prvosienka zoubkatá* (Czech), and *Prvosienka zúbkatá* (Slovak).

Denticulata is derived from Latin *dentata* (toothed) meaning ‘slightly toothed’.

In the 1820s Dr. John Forbes Royle collected drumstick primula in the Himalayas and was appointed to be in charge of the East India Company’s Garden at Saharanpur in the Punjab. The flower was introduced to western Europe later in 1837.

The raw flowers have been added to salads as an attractive edible garnish.

Drumstick primula is cultivated as an ornamental.