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Pyrola minor

[Synonyms : *Amelia minor*, *Braxilia minor*, *Braxilia parviflora*, *Erxlebenia minor*, *Erxlebenia rosea*, *Pyrola minor* var. *parviflora*]

COMMON WINTERGREEN is an evergreen perennial. Native to Europe (including Britain) and North America it has small, white or pink-tinged, white flowers.

It is also known as English wintergreen, *Glesyn y Gaeaf* (Welsh), *Grushanka malaya* (Russian), *Hruštička menší* (Czech), *Klotpyrola* (Swedish), Lesser pyrola, Lesser wintergreen, *Liden Vintergrøn* (Danish), Little shinleaf, Mountain pyrola, *Pieni talvikki* (Finnish), *Pikkutalvikki* (Finnish), Shinleaf, Small pyrola, Small shinleaf, Small wintergreen, *Småpyrola* (Swedish), *Småvintergröna* (Swedish), Snowline shinleaf, Snowline wintergreen, Wintergreen, and Wood lily.

In the United States the plant is protected in several States. The State of Maine has declared it of special concern. The States of New York, Vermont and Wisconsin have all declared it to be endangered..

Minor means ‘smaller or lesser’.

Medicinally, herbalists have used the leaves to treat some kidney and bladder disorders, internal bleeding and external bleeding wounds.