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Scabiosa caucasica

[Synonyms : *Lomelosia caucasica*, *Trochocephalus causicus*]

SCABIOUS is a perennial. Native to the Caucasus it has shaggy light bluish-violet flowers. It is also known as Caucasian pincushion flower, Caucasian scabious, Florists' scabious, *Hlaváč kavkazský* (Czech), *Höstväd* (Swedish), *Kaukasus-Skabiose* (German), Pincushion flower, and White bonnet: and in flower language it is said to be a symbol of unfortunate love.

Caucasica means 'of or from the Caucasus'.

Although some authorities say that this species has been in western Europe since 1803 others claim that it was introduced to Britain a couple of centuries earlier in 1591.