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Scopolia carniolica

[Synonyms : *Scopolia atropoides*]

SCOPOLIA is a perennial. Native to south-eastern Europe it has small yellowish-green inside, purplish-brown flowers.

It is also known as Belladonna scopola, *Dårört* (Swedish), *Glockenbilsenkraut* (German), Japanese belladonna, *Pablen kraňský* (Czech), Scopola, *Skopólia kranská* (Slovak), and *Tollkraut* (German).

Warning – scopolia is extremely poisonous. It can cause dilated pupils, accelerated pulse, mouth dryness, breathing difficulties and death. In Britain it can only be obtained from a registered pharmacist.

Carniolica means ‘of or from Carniola (once in north-western Yugoslavia)’.

Medicinally, it was used primarily for treating various nervous disorders and epilepsy, and was also used in anaesthesia. Today it can be used under supervision in the treatment of some respiratory disorders, colds and fevers.