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*Sigesbeckia orientalis*

[Synonyms : *Minyranthus heterophylla*, *Siegesbeckia orientalis*, *Sigesbeckia orientalis* subsp. *caspiaca*]

**SIGESBECKIA** is an annual. Native to tropical Asia and Africa it has sticky yellow flower heads.

It is also known as Asiatic sigesbeckia, *Asiatisk klibbstjärna* (Swedish), Common St. Paul's-wort, Eastern St. Paul's-wort, *Gewone St. Paul's-wort* (Afrikaans), *Herbe de flacque* (French), *Herbe guérit vite* (French), Holy herb, *Pilibadkadi* (Gujarati), Shrimp-claw plant, and Siegesbeckia.

Warning – sigesbeckia is poisonous.

*Orientalis* means 'of or from the East'.

Medicinally, the plant has long been used in Asia. It is recommended for some urinary disorders in Hindu medicine. The Chinese use it as a remedy for various kidney ailments and for fever and rheumatism. It has also been used for treating leprosy, various skin disorders and ringworm.