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Verbascum phlomoides

[Synonyms : *Verbascum australe*, *Verbascum bulgaricum*, *Verbascum calvescens*, *Verbascum condensatum*, *Verbascum nemorosum*, *Verbascum rugulosum*, *Verbascum sartorii*]

ORANGE MULLEIN is a biennial. Native to Europe it has small bright to orange-yellow flowers with white or yellowish-haired stamens.

It is also known as Clasping-leaved mullein, Clasping mullein, *Divizna sápvová* (Czech), *Divozel* (Slovak), *Filzige Königskerze* (German), *Filziges Wollkraut* (German), *Gewöhnliche Königskerze* (German), *Läkekungsljus* (Swedish), Pale yellow mullein, *Rohtotulikukka* (Finnish), *Storkungsljus* (Swedish), *Windblumen-Königskerze* (German), *Wollkraut* (German), and Woolly mullein.

Phlomoides is made up of the genus name *Phlomis* and Greek *-oides* (like) components meaning ‘like plants in that genus‘.

Claims have been made that fresh pieces of this species left in cellars will drive away rodents. Medicinally, herbalists have recommended orange mullein to treat catarrh. The root was used in the past in remedies for diarrhoea, eye infections and cramp, and it was also used for healing wounds.