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Verbascum sinuatum, Scallop-Leaved Mullein, Hebrew: בוצין מפורץ, Arabic: عورور

Scientific name: *Verbascum sinuatum* L.
Common name: Scallop-Leaved Mullein
Hebrew name: בוצין מפורץ
Arabic name: عورور
Plant Family: Scrophulariaceae, לוועניתיים



- Life form: Hemicryptophyte
Stems: 50-100cm
Leaves: Alternate, rosette, entire, dentate or serrate
Inflorescence: Freely branched, lax
Flowers: Yellow; filament-hairs violet
Fruits / pods: Capsule, subglobose
Flowering Period: April, May, June, July, August, September, October
Habitat: Batha, Phrygana
Distribution: The Mediterranean Woodlands and Shrublands, Semi-steppe shrublands, Shrub-steppes, Deserts and extreme deserts, Montane vegetation of Mt. Hermon
Chorotype: Med - Irano-Turanian
Summer shedding: Perennating



Derivation of the botanical name:

Verbascum, mullein; corrupted form of barbasum, from the Latin barba (a beard), in allusion to the shaggy foliage; the ancient Latin name for this plant.

sinuatum, sinuate, with a wavy margin; wavy edged.

The Hebrew name: **בוצין**, *busin*, Aramaic **בוצינא**, būṣīnā, a wick, a lamp, because of the shape of the flower.

- The standard author abbreviation *L.* is used to indicate **Carl Linnaeus (1707 – 1778)**, a Swedish botanist, physician, and zoologist, the father of modern taxonomy.

Pliny the Elder (23-79 CE) describes in *Naturalis Historia*, book 25, chapter 120: "Verbascum Graeci phlomon vocant. genera habet prima duo: album, in quo mas intellegitur, alterum nigrum, in quo femina. tertium genus non nisi in silvis invenitur". - Verbascum is called Phlomis by the Greeks. There are two primary kinds of it: the pale, which is thought to be male; the other is dark and regarded as female. There is a third kind only in woods.







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