

# Corydalis solida

*Corydalis solida*, syn. *C. halleri*, *C. transsylvanica* (fume-wort), is a species of flowering plant in the family Papaveraceae, native to moist, shady habitats in northern Europe and Asia. Growing to 25 cm (10 in), it is a spring ephemeral, with foliage that appears in spring and dies down to its tuberous rootstock in summer. It is cultivated for its deeply divided, ferny leaves and narrow, long-spurred flowers which appear in spring. The flowers show color variation, and may be mauve, purple, red, or white.<sup>[1]</sup>

## 1 Systematics

The species was originally named in 1753 by Linnaeus as the variety *solida* of his *Fumaria bulbosa*. It was raised to the species *F. solida* by Philip Miller in 1771. Its current assignment to the genus *Corydalis* was made by Joseph Philippe de Clairville in 1811.<sup>[2]</sup>

Four subspecies are recognized:<sup>[2]</sup>

- *C. solida* subsp. *incisa* Lidén
- *C. solida* subsp. *longicarpa* Lidén
- *C. solida* subsp. *solida*
- *C. solida* subsp. *subremota* Popov ex Lidén & Zetterlund

## 2 Cultivation

The following varieties and cultivars have gained the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit:

- *C. solida* subsp. *incisa*<sup>[3]</sup> (pale purple flowers)
- *C. solida* subsp. *solida* 'Dieter Schacht'<sup>[4]</sup> (light pink flowers)
- *C. solida* subsp. *solida* 'George Baker'<sup>[5]</sup> (brick red flowers)

## 3 References

[1] *RHS A-Z encyclopedia of garden plants*. United Kingdom: Dorling Kindersley. 2008. p. 1136. ISBN 1405332964.



Corydalis solida 'George Baker'

[2] Lidén, Magnus & Zetterlund, Henrik (1997). *Corydalis : a gardener's guide and a monograph of the tuberous species*. Pershore, UK: AGS Publications. ISBN 978-0-900048-66-1. pp. 40-47

[3] <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/plantselector/plant?plantid=2531>

[4] <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/plantselector/plant?plantid=2532>

[5] <http://apps.rhs.org.uk/plantselector/plant?plantid=2533>

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