

Information about the Environment and for travellers in Crete:

Bladder kidney-vetch – *Tripodion tetraphyllum* (former: *Anthyllis tetraphylla*)



The bladder kidney-vetch belongs to the legume family (Fabaceae) and member of the papilionaceae family (Faboideae). *Anthyllis*: genus name, which comes from the ancient Greek Anthyllis = "Florida plant". *Tetraphylla*: Latin nickname "four-leafed". The genus *Anthyllis* was erected 1753 by CARL VON LINNÉ.

The bladder kidney-vetch is an annual grassy plant that is creeping and hairy. It grows on field edges and in Phrygana. The leaves are pinnate three to five times. The legumes do not jump when they are ripe.

The approximately 24 to 30 *Anthyllis* species are widespread in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

The flowering period is April to May.



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