



AMARANTHUS

Over 30 species of *Amaranthus* L. have been recorded in Britain, mainly as rare and unpredictable casuals. Most species can be named from the excellent key and account in Brenan (1961), who includes 25 species. Easy (1979) gives useful illustrations of nine species. Stace (2010) gives a key to the 17 taxa likely to be found today; *Amaranthus hybridus* and *A. retroflexus* are the commonest taxa, followed by *A. albus*, *A. bouchonii* and *A. caudatus*.

The account in *Atlas Florae Europaeae* (Jalas & Sominen, 1980) attempts to summarise post-1964 taxonomic and nomenclatural changes to the genus. Most of these changes relate to rare British aliens, but it should be consulted in conjunction with Brenan's account.

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