

# *Hyobanche sanguinea*



Traditional name:

**Wolwekos**

English Translation:

**Wolf food**

## *A Parasite?*

Do squiggling flesh-eating maggots, blood sucking fleas and ticks and many other gruesome critters come to mind? Did you know that there are thousands of parasites within the plant kingdom? The Wolwekos parasite is pink and furry and really rather beautiful.

## *Where to find them?*

It generally grows in sandy, nutrient-poor soils and flowers from August to November.

## *INK-tresting*

The flowers of the Wolwekos were collected, dried and crushed to form a black powder, which was then diluted to be used as ink.

