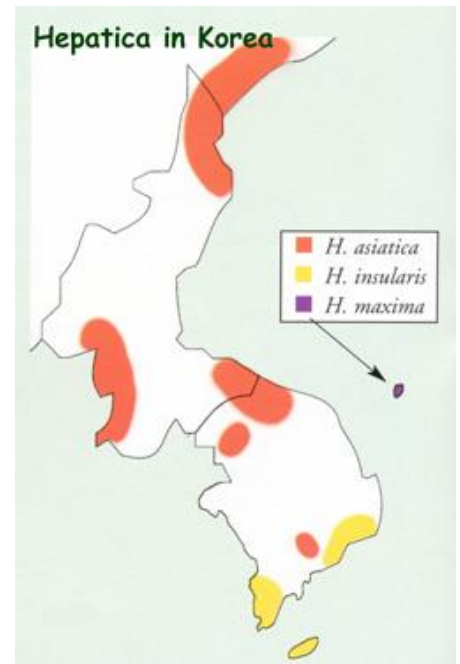


Hepatica nobilis var. asiatica

Asian liverwort

This hepatica, which occurs in parts of Korea and China (Mandchurei), is Hepatica differs little from those found in Japan. The foliage is predominantly lightly mottled (marbled), and it moves in during the fall. Flower colors are white, pink to red, rarely purple. The number of sepals is 6 - 11. The habit corresponds to *H. nobilis* var. *japonica*, height 6 - 12 cm. It is indispensable in Chinese medicine, it is mainly used for liver ailments.

The plants growing at my place behave like the Japanese Hepatica. They need permeable, humus soil and the tolerance of winter wetness is not so high as in European hepatica. The flowers and color varieties also seem to be similar to the Japanese. Unfortunately, there is too little suitable material from the natural sites to give basic knowledge. The pictures, show *Hepatica nobilis* var. *asiatica* growing in my nursery which I got directly from Korea in 1995-6.



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