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n.

Any of various usually aromatic plants of the genus *Teucrium* of the mint family, having purplish or reddish flowers.

[Middle English *germandre*, from Old French *germandree*, alteration of Medieval Latin *germandrea*, from Late Greek *khamandrua*, from Greek *khamaidrūs* : *khamai*, on the ground; see **dhghem-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *drūs*, oak; see **deru-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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