



*Stachys byzantina* lambs ear  
(LABIATAE)

I came across these unusual flowers six years ago in the meadows in Ottawa's west end. The photos I took then have been lying dormant in my computer all these years - until this morning. JGP

Wikipedia\* describes them thusly:

"*Stachys byzantina* is a species of *Stachys*, native to Turkey, Armenia, and Iran. It is cultivated over much of the temperate world as an ornamental plant, and is naturalized in some locations as escapee from gardens. Plants are very often found under the synonym *Stachys lanata* or *Stachys olympica*."



(\*[https://www.google.ca/search?rlz=1C2LDJZ\\_enCA498CA518&source=hp&ei=9xjXW66oBaO8ggeXr4uwDQ&q=Stachys+byzantina+lams+ear+%28LABIATAE%29&oq=Stachys+byzantina+lams+ear+%28LABIATAE%29&gs\\_l=psy-ab.3...2645.2645.0.3946.3.2.0.0.0.665.665.5-1.2.0....0...1.1.64.psy-ab..1.1.121.6..35i39k1.122.2eqi0jUK1AY](https://www.google.ca/search?rlz=1C2LDJZ_enCA498CA518&source=hp&ei=9xjXW66oBaO8ggeXr4uwDQ&q=Stachys+byzantina+lams+ear+%28LABIATAE%29&oq=Stachys+byzantina+lams+ear+%28LABIATAE%29&gs_l=psy-ab.3...2645.2645.0.3946.3.2.0.0.0.665.665.5-1.2.0....0...1.1.64.psy-ab..1.1.121.6..35i39k1.122.2eqi0jUK1AY))















