

Ethnomedical Information on Embauba (*Cecropia obtusifolia*)

Part / Location	Documented Ethnomedical Uses	Type Extract / Route	Used For	Ref #
Inflorescence Amazonia	Used for sores of the tongue and mouth.	Chewed	Human Adult	ZZ1005
Leaf Amazon	Used for diabetes and for its anti-inflammatory properties; for rheumatic and kidney inflammation.	H2O Ext Oral & Topical	Human Adult	BL1023
Shoot Brazil	Used for blennorrhagia.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1096
Shoot Brazil	Used as an astringent and hemostatic, for affections of the respiratory system, asthma, bronchitis, whooping cough, coughs, dyspnea, dysentery, diarrhea, hemoptysis, hematuria, hemorrhoids and to increase the energy of the contraction of the cardiac muscle. A diuretic.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1007
Shoot Brazil	Used for vaginal irritation and leucorrhea.	Tincture External	Human Adult	ZZ1007
Bud Brazil	Used for asthma, cough, bronchitis, pneumonia, heart failure, edema, liver diseases, malaria, Parkinson's disease and as a cardiotonic.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	BL1001
Leaf + Shoots Brazil	Used to activate the function of the cardiac, circulatory and respiratory systems; a diuretic. Used for diabetes, asthma, bronchitis and coughs.	ETOH Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1081
Leaf Brazil	Used as a diuretic and to activate the function of the cardiac and circulatory system. Used for diabetes, asthma, bronchitis and coughs.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1081
Leaf Brazil	Used to correct vaginal problems. Used for cutaneous affections and wounds.	Decoction Douche Decoction External	Human Female Human Adult	ZZ1081
Leaf Brazil	Used as a decongestant and to combat acute respiratory affections. Used for hyperglycemia and diabetes. Said to improve sensitivity to insulin and elevates the concentration of inositol in cells.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1076
Leaf Brazil	Used for bronchitis, leucorrhea, blennorrhagia, whooping cough and affections of the heart.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1079
Leaf Brazil	Used as a diuretic.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1096
Leaf Brazil	Used as a stimulant and diuretic.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1099

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Leaf Brazil	Used for asthma, cough, edema, liver diseases, malaria, Parkinson's disease, diarrhea, wounds, gonorrhea, leucorrhea, rheumatism and hemorrhage. Said to be a diuretic, sedative and cardiotoxic.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	BL1001
Leaf Brazil	Used for coughs, asthma, gripe and whooping cough. Used to tonify the heart and regulate its contraction, used as a diuretic.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	BL1007
Latex Brazil	Used for chronic wounds, gangrenous ulcers and warts.	Latex External	Human Adult	ZZ1072
Sap Brazil	Used for ulcers, warts, snakebite and Chaga's disease. Used for diarrhea.	Sap External Sap Oral	Human Adult	BL1001
Entire Plant Brazil	Used to normalize arterial pressure. Considered an expectorant, astringent, antidiabetic, diuretic, cardiotoxic, hypotensive and vulnerary. Used for Parkinson's disease.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1076
Root + Leaf Brazil	Used for coughs, bronchitis, whooping cough, weakness of the heart, malaria and to lower arterial pressure.	Root Juice Oral or Leaf Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1092
Root + Leaf Brazil	Used for asthma, bronchitis, coughs, whooping cough, cardiomyopathy, oliguria, anuria, Parkinson's disease, diabetes and hydroxy. Considered an astringent, diuretic, cardiotoxic, expectorant and antidiabetic.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1072
Root Brazil	Used for asthma, bronchitis, coughs and whooping cough.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1096
Root Brazil	Used as a diuretic and to increase the energy of the cardiac muscle without increasing the heart beat.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1005
Root Brazil	Used for asthma, cough, edema, liver diseases, malaria, Parkinson's disease, pneumonia, bronchitis and heart failure. Used as a cardiotoxic.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	BL1001
Root Brazil	Used to treat cancerous ulcers.	Juice Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1007
Trunk pith Brazil	Used as a vulnerary and hemostatic. Used for leucorrhea, blennorrhagia, diarrhea and diabetes.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Node (trunk & branch) Brazil	Used for asthma. Used for wounds.	Infusion Oral Infusion External	Human Adult	BL1001
Not Stated Brazil	Used for bronchitis, coughs and other respiratory pathology. Used to increase the contractile force of the heart; a diuretic.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1006

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Not Stated Brazil	Used for bronchitis, coughs, whooping cough and other respiratory affections. It has an effect on the heart, increasing heart muscle contractions. Also, when the urine becomes scarce due to poorly functioning kidneys, it promotes diuresis.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1013
Not Stated Colombia	Used for Parkinson's disease and to facilitate childbirth and menstruation.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1006
Not Stated Costa Rica	Used to treat arterial hypertension and used as a diuretic.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1014
Latex Cuba	Considered corrosive and astringent. Used for warts, calluses, herpes, ulcers, venereal disease and dysentery.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1006
Leaf Cuba	Antiblennorrhagic and antibilious.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1006
Leaf Cuba	Used for aches, abscesses, coughs, pains, fever, pertussis, skin lesions and digestive problems.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1011 BL1012
Root + Fruit Cuba	Emollient.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1006
Salt Cuba	Considered analgesic, emetic, antiasthmatic and is used for liver affections and hydropsy.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1006
Not Stated Cuba	Considered to be a cardiovascular, diuretic, hepatic, analgesic and febrifuge for fevers.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1006
Not Stated El Salvador	Used to facilitate menstruation and expel the afterbirth.	Not Stated	Animals	BL1016
Buds Guatemala	Used for asthma.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	K26154
Leaf Guatemala	Used for gonorrhea.	ETOH Ext Oral	Human Adult	BL1018
Leaf Guatemala	Used for rheumatism.	Decoction Bath	Human Adult	BL1010
Leaf Guatemala	Used as a diuretic for edema and dropsy. Used as a febrifuge and sudorific.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T15295
Not Stated Guatemala	Used as an antidiabetic, cardiac, diuretic, febrifuge and antiatherogenic.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1019
Not Stated Guyana	Used for fractures, absorption of hematomas, the healing of wounds, for disinfecting the genitalia and for pain alleviation after childbirth.	Not Stated External	Human Adult	BL1025

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Leaf Haiti	Used for edema.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T13846
Not Stated Haiti	Used as an astringent. Used for asthma, cough, bronchitis, diarrhea, dysentery, gonorrhea, herpes and wounds.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1017
Not Stated Honduras	Used to aid animals during birthing. Given during labor to speed up the birthing process and after labor so the placenta is expelled quickly.	Not Stated	Animals	BL1017
Leaf Jamaica	Used for aches, abscesses, coughs, pains, fever, pertussis, skin lesions and digestive problems.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1011 BL1012
Not Stated Latin America	Used for asthma.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1006
Flower + Leaf Mexico	Used to treat diabetes.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	K16948
Flower + Leaf Mexico	Used for diabetes.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K10686
Flower + Leaf Mexico	Used for treatment of diabetes. Infusion is taken for 5 to 8 days.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	M05236
Flower + Leaf Mexico	Used as an anti-tussive and anti-inflammatory. Used to treat diarrhea.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	M08249
Leaf Mexico	Used to treat irritation of the bladder.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	K16948
Leaf Mexico	Used for diabetes, pulmonary diseases such as asthma and hepatic affections. Also used for obesity and hydropsy.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	BL1008
Leaf Mexico	Used as an antitussive, antidiabetic, antipyretic and diuretic. Used for cardiac affections, as a cardiotonic, for hepatic and pulmonary disorders, for asthma, wounds and fractures of the bone. Said to reduce arterial pressure and treat renal problems.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	BL1014
Leaf Mexico	Used for bites of scorpions and ants. Used for excess salivation.	Infusion Bath Infusion Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1014
Leaf Mexico	Used for burns and wounds.	Decoction Bath or Cataplasm	Human Adult	BL1014
Leaf + Stem Mexico	Used for treatment of diabetes.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	M23792
Leaf + Stem Mexico	Used as an antidiabetic and diuretic; used for hepatic congestion and obesity. Used for warts.	Not Stated Oral Not Stated External	Human Adult	T08848

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Leaf Mexico	Used for diabetes.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	T08016
Latex Mexico	Used for warts.	Latex External	Human Adult	BL1014
Not Stated Mexico	Used for asthma, dysentery, liver, ulcers, warts, wounds, chorea, diabetes, dropsy, hepatitis, nerve, obesity, calluses and corns. Considered a cardiotoxic and diuretic.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1017
Not Stated Mexico	Used as a cardiotoxic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T03380
Not Stated Mexico	Used to lower milk in breasts and to diminish pains after childbirth.	Hot H2O Ext External	Human Female	T08771
Leaf Nicaragua	Used for aches, abscesses, coughs, pains, fever, pertussis, skin lesions and digestive problems.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1011 BL1012
Leaf Nicaragua	Used for bad belly, diarrhea and fever. Used for liver.	Leaves Oral Leaves Not Stated	Human Adult	K26492
Not Stated Nicaragua	Used for gastric or intestinal illnesses and headaches.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	BL1025
Stem Panama	Used as an antihypertensive.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	L18181
Leaf Peru	Used for fevers, as a cardiotoxic and diuretic. Used for wounds.	Infusion Oral Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Leaf Peru	Used for Parkinson's disease.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Stem Peru	Crushed, mixed with mud and applied to wounds.	Maceration External	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Root Peru	Used as an energetic, diuretic and as a stimulant to the heart.	Juice Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1084
Root + Stem Peru	Used for diarrhea and to stimulate the heart. Used as a hemostatic for wounds. Used as a diuretic.	Not Stated Oral Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1101
Not Stated Puerto Rico	Used to increase cardiac muscular contraction and acts upon the kidneys as a diuretic.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1003
Leaf Suriname	Used against albumin in the urine; used for the urinary passages, bladder and kidney disorders, as well as a cure for asthma.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	BL1002

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Root Trinidad	Used for snakebites.	Chewed	Human Adult	BL1009 BL1013 BL1012
Not Stated Trinidad	Used for cough, bronchitis, fever, flu, snake and scorpion bites.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1017
Not Stated Uruguay	Used as a cardiotoxic and diuretic.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1017
Not Stated USA	Used as an analgesic, hypnotic, anesthetic, antiasthmatic, diuretic, fungicide, laxative, astringent, cardiotoxic, cytostatic, emmenagogue and purgative.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1005
Root Venezuela	Used to heal wounds.	Not Stated External	Human Adult	BL1004
Leaf Venezuela	Used to reduce swelling and used as an abrasive.	Poultice External	Human Adult	BL1004
Not Stated Venezuela	Used as an astringent, cardiac and tonic.	Not Stated	Human Adult	BL1017
Shoots West Indies	Used for excessive menstrual flow.	Juice Oral	Human Female	T00701
Latex Not Stated	Used for warts, calluses and venereal diseases.	Latex External	Human Adult	BL1002
Not Stated	Used for cancer, asthma, snakebite, blennorrhagia, bronchitis, callus, chorea, corn, cough, diabetes, diarrhea, diuretic, dropsy, dysentery, emmenagogue, fever, flu, fumitory, gonorrhoea, hepatitis, herpes, liver, nerves, obesity, poison, scorpion bites, warts and wounds. Said to be cardiotoxic and astringent.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1022

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