

Helianthus *annuus* L.  
*strumosus* L.

Sunflower

<sup>9</sup> *annuus* In last century was grown as protection from malaria infusion of flowers to kill flies  
warm bath of flowers to relieve rheumatism; aches & pains plant for bronchitis <sup>9</sup> *strumosus*  
Indians applied crushed root to bruises seeds increase urine flow & clear phlegm 3 leaves astringent  
seeds diuretic roots for snakebite & as dye, cough pulmonary affections, dysentery, inflammation of  
bladder & kidneys antimalarial Boil 2 oz seeds in quart water Boil to just below pint & strain  
add 6 oz gin & 6 oz sugar 3-4 times daily 1-2 tsp doses for pulmonary affections & coughs Brown  
seeds in oven & make infusion for whooping cough 3

<sup>annuus</sup> Creek with angelica & puffball for sunstroke, hot head, lightheaded & general aching  
Dakota flower heads for pulmonary Hopi infusion for spiderbites Navaho turned pith for warts  
Pregnant Pawnee ate seeds to protect nursing children Western Indians drank infusion for malaria  
Thompson put leaves as powder or ointment to sores & swellingst root infusion for rheumatism

Tuni for rattlesnake bite

H. decapetalus Fox practiced chewed roots on indolent ulcers H. strumosus Fox root decoction for lungs

H. occidentalis O'ibwa crushed root for bruises & contusions

H. petiolaris Hopi washed spider bites with infusion Navaho life medicine Thompson put leaves to sores or swelling

H. tuberosus Western Indians made tea of stalks & leaves & drank twice daily, ate flowers for rheumatism

*Schrankia uncinata*

Sensitive Brier

## Scrophularia

*marylandica* L.

Figwort

Carpenters' Square

9 fresh root infusion in 1800s to treat anxiety, restlessness & insomnia in pregnant women poultice for skin diseases (impetigo, cradle cap) Entire plant used as tonic to sweat out fever, increase urine flow & cure intestinal worms bark & roots to treat tuberculosis, scabies & open wounds; plant to increase menstrual flow & treat hemorrhoids 9P *S. ningpoensis* Hemst. Slightly han cold, bitter, salty nourishes yin lowers heat, moisturizes heat dryness, promotes salivation for (1) sore throat thirstiness (2) cervical nodes, constipation, burning urination Roots 3 chien - 1 liang decoction 3 tonic, diuretic diaphoretic diuretic antihelmintic 35 *S. oldhami* Soothes coughing, sore throats, cures scrofula & fever encourages bowel movement & urination, strengthens eyes 5

8 5 *lanceolata* Iroquois for blood disorders

5 *marilandica* herb tonic, diuretic, diaphoretic, to reduce hemorrhoids poultice for cancer & tumors

*Scutellaria* sp. *lateraliflora* L. Mad dog weed

## Skullcap

9. *lateraliflora* one time believed cure for rabies & hysteria Indians used to expell afterbirth promote menstruation treat diarrhea & heart disease sedative increases sweating  
• *S. barbata* cold, pleasant bland Clears fever cools blood detoxifies and promotes diuresis for (1) sore throat pain, boils (2) schistosomiasis (3) snakebites (4) tumors whole plant 1-2 long decoction; or crush fresh  
P.S. *baicalensis* Georg. cold bitter taste purges fire detoxifies & dries for heat restlessness, abdominal fullness emaciation diarrhea abdominal cramps, hematemesis, epistaxis, red eyes, canker sores, skin sores & scabies 5 fen to 1 ch'ien decoction 3 Nervine, bitter tonic antispasmodic for hysteria convulsions hydrophobia, St. Vitus dance and rickets 1 tsp leaf to cup boiling water ½ cup frequently warm infusion sedative & help nerves, spasms overdose like caffeine 3  
8 Cherokee root decoction to eliminate after birth for diarrhea, dysmenorrhea, breast pains  
5. *lateraliflora* kidneys & nerves

*S. parvula* Fox for diarrhea

Cherokee Root in kidney medicine decoction for nerves, root tea for monthly period for diarrhea, in medicine for breast pains in medicine for expelling afterbirth

*Sedum* sp.

Stonecrop

P *S. frantsheticum* Fisch. Cooling, slightly acidic taste Cools blood, stimulates circulation, reduces inflammation, alleviates pain for 1) Traumatic injuries, bleeding cuts 2) burns 3) Snakebites Whole plant 1-2 Liang decoction *S. makinoi* Maxim. cooling pleasant light taste Clears fever & detoxifies, reduces swelling stops bleeding for 1) Traumatic injuries gunshot wounds, traumatic bleeding 2) pains & swelling for boils & abscesses crush fresh & apply *S. spectabile* Borcav neutral bitter taste reduces swelling, detoxifies stops thirstiness & promotes salivation for 1) Sore throat 2) abscesses & erysipelas 3 redness & swelling from traumatic injuries whole plant 1-2 Liang decoction

8 *S. purpureum* Malecite leaves on boils & carbuncles

5 *roses* Eskimo ate raw flowers for tuberculosis decocted for stomachache & intestinal pain

5 *telephryides* Delaware crushed leaves on wounds as antiseptic

*Selaginella* sp.

Spikemoss

P S. tamariscina (Burm.) Spring Neutral, acrid taste astringent hemostatic for 1) Traumatic bleeding hemoptysis in pulmonary disease, gastrointestinal bleeding metrorrhagia, hematuria, persisting post-partum lochia discharge 2) rectal prolapse, leucorrhea. Whole plant 3-5 ch'ien decoction

*Senecio aureus* L. *Turcicus* Squaw-weed *glabellus* Torr. Butterweed *tomentosus* Michx  
*obovatus* Moench Roughleaf Groundsel *vulgaris* L. Common groundsel *Groundsel*  
*plattensis* Nutt. Prairie Ragwort *Coughweed* Golden Ragwort

9 root & plant used interchangeably and canis made tea of flowering plant to relieve childbirth pains, hasten delayed childbirth & for kidney problems by infusion of entire plant in water used for coughs, nervous disorders, weakness from prolonged fever & poor circulation 9 Smith Indian women steeped dried leaves in water for uterine tonic.

*S. scandens* Buck-tam. cooling, bitter slightly toxic, lowers fever, detoxifies, clears vision for (1) epidemic influenza, malaria (2) boils & abscesses, acute conjunctivitis dysentery, enteritis whole plant decoction 5 ch'ien to 1 liang each time crush fresh plant for external use *S. palmatus* Pall bitter stimulates circulation, alleviates pain for amenorrhea, abdominal distention & cramps, traumatic injuries, bruises, swellings 1.5-3 ch'ien decoction

8 *aureus* expectorant pectoral emmenagogue vulnerary abortive, anti-contusive, to stop bleeding vulnerary Catawba tea for Q ailments, pain of childbirth & to speed delivery Cherokee tea to prevent pregnancy, for heart trouble

*Silene virginica* sp.

Fire pink  
Red Catchfly

Rich soil pH 5-7 Propagate by seed open woods pH 5-7<sup>14</sup> 3 *S. stellata* Starry campion  
Cordial, nervine, & vermifuge properties Was used by Indians in sexual disorders 3  
*S. virginica* antihelminthic 3

8 *S. noctiflora* Navajo poulticed leaves on prairie dog bites

*S. stellata* Fox poulticed root on suppurating swellings

# Silphium sp.

Rosin-weed Compass Plant  
Cup plant

3 S. perfoliatum decoction of dried root powder 4 oz to quart of water taken a little at a time  
Tonic diaphoretic & alterative Gum styptic Epipatmodic chewed to sweeten breath 3

8 "strong stimulant for whites." Cherokee for weak ♀ Lumbee boiled root with mullein bath for swellings

S compositum S. perfoliatum Chippewa root poultice for bleeding wounds decoction for  
dysmenorrhea, backache, hemoptysis Fox for morning sickness & metrorrhagia for rheumatism & stomach  
Missouri River Indians used as smoke for head, neuralgia, rheumatism Ojibwa decoction backache Winnebago

Oma ha & Winnebago inhaled smoke of root for head colds, neuralgia & rheumatism Winnebago root decoction  
Cherokee compositum strong stimulents for whites, for weak ♀

*Sisymbrium* sp Hedge Mustard    *S. synanthum* sp. Blue-eyed Grass

8 *S. officinale* Cherokee poulticed for croup    cooked greens

*Sisyrinchium angustifolium* Cherokee steeped roots for childrens diarrhea

*S. mucronatum* Menominee decocted for expelling afterbirth

Eat as cooked greens to keep regular

*Smilacina racemosa*  
*stellaria*

False Solomon seal

Propagation by root stalk division & by seed pH 5-6 2" oakleaf wintercreeper helps<sup>14</sup>  
smoke of burning root removes from faint leaf tea prevents conception<sup>9</sup>

8 Hoenaki root for bleeding at mouth & overexertion Algonquin tea for backache

Cheerokee bathed sore eyes in cold root steep Chippewa roots in compound decoctions for weakness, backaches

inhaled fumes from dry roots for headache Delaware decocted root for leucorrhea as tonic, roots for fits, insanity

Gitchsan root decoction herbal baths poulticed for kidney rheumatism & spine Lumbee chewed fresh root

for halitosis, pyorrhea, ate for stomach ache Menominee steamed roots for catarrh

Mohegan decocted root for gastritis, bark for colds Ojibwa root for headache kidney trouble

& sore throat, crushed leaves for bleeding leaf decoction for pregnancy smoke for headache

Paiute root for dysmenorrhea Potawatomi smudged roots on coals to revive comatose

Shoshone root for dysmenorrhea leaf tea once a week to prevent conception

Thompson decocted roots for gastric & menstrual, inhaled steam from root tea for headache

Smilax sp.  
*auriculata* Walt. *herbacea* L.  
*bona-nox* L. *laurifolia* L.  
*glauca* Walt. *polyrhiza* Michx.  
*pumila* Walt. *rotundifolia* L.  
*smallii* Morong  
*tomentoides* L.  
*walteri* Pursh

## Greenbrier

S. Glabra Roxb detoxifies, stomach tonic for indigestion, diarrhea, nephritis, cystitis (2) rheumatoid arthritis (3) lymphadenopathy  
boils & abscesses, furuncles, syphilis Stem tubers 5 chien to 1 liang boiled for internal use S. nipponica Miq muscle relaxant  
for Arthritic pains, backache (2) amenorrhea (3) nightmares roots 3-5 chien decoction S. chinensis L. cooling pleasant light taste  
eliminates flatulence detoxifies promotes diuresis for 1) Boils & abscesses 2) Rheumatoid arthritis  
3) Urinary tract infection 4) enteritis & diarrhea Roots 1-2 liang decoction S. 3 root edible  
reputed alternative & depurative 3 ↓ to stay young

8 S. bona-nox Cathbrier Houma root decoction for urinary derangements, Natchez rubbed on face  
S. herbacea Creek powdered roots with Baptisia for venositis, syphilis, urogenital Chippewa root  
for heart & kidney Ojibwa for lungs Omaha fruits for hoarseness

S. hispida Choctaw regarded decoction as tonic 1 CK root bark astringent slightly tonic

S. laurifolia Cherokee root bark for burns, insect ulcers, pox & scalds Houma root decoction for urinary

S. rotundifolia Cherokee aquapuncture pricked for local pain & rub other medicines in scratch  
also for cramps & twitch, dry powdered leaves on gall, parched powdered on scalds wilted leaves on boils  
tea for dyspepsia decocted roots for rheumatism & expelling afterbirth Creek boiled roots on ulcers &  
CK root decoction with sycamore and hemlock to expel afterbirth, for rheumatism scratch & rub in for pain

cramps, & twitching powder & eat up leaves on galls, parch & powder for scalds, wilt leaves on boils  
tea for stomach, roots for food

## Solanum

a *Dulcamara* L.  
b *americanum* Mill.  
c *carolinense* L.

d *Torreyi* Gray  
e *eleagnifolium* Cav.  
f *rostratum* Donal

g *Climbing Nightshade*  
h *Black Nightshade*  
i *Horse Nettle*

j *White Horse Nettle*  
k *Buffalo Bur*

## Nightshade

3 for skin eruptions, muscular rheumatism bronchial & pulmonary affections 6 ripe black berries can be eaten raw or cooked for preserves or pies unripe berries poisonous 9 colonists took juice of five or six berries daily in increasing doses for Tetanus berries used to promote urination, relieve pain & ease nervous tension; entire plant used in treating epilepsy, asthma, bronchitis & convulsions; root sedative 9

 *S. lyratum* Thunb clears fever, detoxifies for (1) leprosy (2) abscesses, enlarged thyroid (3) cancer of esophagus & stomach whole plant 5 chien - 1 liang decoction

 *S. nigrum* L Black nightshade Slightly cold, toxic Clears fevers, detoxifies promotes diuresis, reduces swelling for (1) Leucorrhœa (2) Cancer of cervix 3 abscesses and open sores whole plant 3-5 chien decoction for external bathing boil in water & use solution  3 *S. dulcamara* alterative, ~~antico~~ diuretic & diaphoretic fruit poisonous 3

8 Cherokee willed leaves on poison ivy gargled seed tea for sore throat seed for goiter

*S. carolinense* leaf tea for worms fruits for mange

F Used sparingly as a sedative (too much affects eyesight) Seligman, Mo. Mash berries into salve for boils Rock Use bull nettles for rash & hives Hogeye Chew bull nettle roots & swallow juice for cramps Huntsville Cook leaves in water mix with lard for poison ivy salve Fayetteville

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*S. dulcamara* Delaware value for skin roots febrifuge. Malecite infused root for nausea  
Nootka decocted as analgesic for colic.

*S. eleagnifolium*, Keresan mothers decoction for milk production Zuni chewed root for toothache

*S. nigrum* Cherokee stem & leaf tea for death in family Delaware for VD

Alouma decocted root for worms in babies green leaves in grease to sores

Rappahannock weak infusion of dry leaves sedative for insomnia Potowatomi for tumors

*S. stratum* Zuni infused powdered root for stomach

*S. tuberosum* Rappahannock tuber for warts

Cherokee *carolinense* ulcers, prord flesh cut up berries & fry in grease use grease

to cure mange in dogs wilt to use on poison ivy crush in milk to kill flies

leaf tea for worms root beads on babys neck to help teething gangle seed tea

for sore throat seed tea for goiter

*nigrum* tea of leaves & stem if lonesome due to death in family emetic, young leaves potherb

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|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Solidago</i> sp. | <i>odora</i> Ait. Fragrant | <i>canadensis</i> L.              | <i>gymnospermidoides</i> (Greene) Fern | <i>missouriensis</i> Nutt.        |
|                     | <i>arguta</i> Ait.         | <i>curtissii</i> T. & G.          | <i>hispidula</i> Muhl.                 | <i>nemoralis</i> Ait. - Old-field |
|                     | <i>articulata</i> Shult.   | <i>flexicaulis</i> L. - Broadleaf | <i>junccea</i> Ait. Early              | <i>nitida</i> T. & G.             |
|                     | <i>caesia</i> L. Blue-stem | <i>gigantea</i> Ait. - Late       | <i>leptocephala</i> T. & G.            | <i>petiolaris</i> Ait.            |
|                     |                            |                                   | <i>ludoviciana</i> (Gray) Small        | <i>radula</i> Nutt. - Rough       |

## Goldenrod

*rigida* L. - Stiff rugosa Mill - Rough-leaved speciosa Nutt. *tortifolia* Ell. *ulmifolia* Muhl - Elm-leaf *S. virgo-aurea* (Chinese)

peppery bitter taste slightly cooling aids digestion, flatus, worms, fevers, detoxifies for influenza, headache, sore throat, malaria, & measles (2) gastric pain & vomiting (3) worms in small children

3 leaves tsp to cup boiling water as aromatic stimulant carminative & diuretic; flavoring 3

*S. altissima* Chippewa poulticed wet flowers or mashed roots to boils, burns, snakebites, sores & ulcers Fox bathed slow-learning children in decoction Potawatomi decocted flowers for fever

Zuni chewed flowers for sore throat, grippe *S. bicolor* Walpole Island foliage tea for cholera

*S. canadensis* Ojibwa roots for boils flowers for burns, ulcers Potawatomi infusion for fevers

Mohawk for snakebite & pains inside

↙ Potawatomi decocted for fever (all) <sup>no sweat</sup>

*S. flexicaulis* Chippewa chewed root for sore throat or ulcers Menominee snuffed dry leaves for headache

*S. graminifolia* Chippewa boiled root tea for lung & chest pain *S. nemoralis* Hounds decocted root for yellow jowndice Mohawk poulticed boiled roots on burns itch & ulcers *S. lancea* Chippewa boiled roots for convulsions

Delaware flowers for fever chewed or infused leaves for diarrhea & fever *S. uliginosa* Potawatomi root, roots

*S. odora* Cherokee diaphoretic, stimulant tonic, colds, coughs & obstructions, fever, measles, nerves neuralgia sore mouth tuberculosis Ojibwa for chest pains Potawatomi for fever

*S. rigida* Chippewa root decoction enema diuretic Meskwaki flower lotion for hestings swollen fauces

*S. speciosa* Chippewa steeped root for labor bleeding lungs or mouth internal injury compress sprains strains Fox for burns & scalds OVER 23

S. ulmifolia Fox smudged to revive unconscious

Ch(odata) tea for fever, for colds and coughs diaphoretic, tonic, stimulant,  
nerves, measles & obstructions steep and drink for bloody discharge from  
bowels roots in tea for summer complaints hold root tea in mouth for neuralgia  
chew root for sore mouth leaf tea for tuberculosis

Spigelia marilandica L.

Pinkroot  
Indian Pink

Part Used: Root

<sup>12</sup> Collect after flowering antipelminthic <sup>9</sup> Appalachian tea from leaves to aid digestion  
fresh roots & tea of entire plant used by Indians on intestinal worms; root tea  
used to treat malaria <sup>9</sup>

8 Cherokee vermifuge Osage sedative sudorific

*Spiranthes* sp.

Ladies-Tresses Orchid

<sup>8</sup> *S. cernua* Cherokee for urinary & infant baths in warm steep for fast healthy growth  
roots with two blade  $\rightarrow$

Spiraea sp.

Hardhack

*S. alba* Fox seed for diarrhea Iroquois infused branches with yarrow leaves for nausea

*S. tomentosa* Mohegan infused leaves for diarrhea Ojibwa decocted flowers & leaves  
for pregnancy & puerperium Osage for bleeding & filaments hemoptysis

*Stachys* *tenuifolia* Willd  
*nuttallii* Shattew. ex Benth.

Hedge Nettle  
Woundwort

1 *S. baicalensis* Fisch. Cool bitter biting detoxify, stop bleeding, diuresis for (1) Metorrhagia (2) Hematuria (3) jaundice & bacterial dysentery  
whole plant 3-5 chien decoction 2 claimed antiseptic, antispasmodic, expectorant, emmenagogue, emetic & urinary 3

8 *S. tenuifolia* leaf decoction emetic & colds Fox

Staphylea trifolia L.

Bladdernut

Part Used - Nuts

<sup>1</sup> Seeds resemble pistachio nuts <sup>1</sup>

*Stellaria Media* (L.) Cyrillo  
*pubera* Michx.

Starwort Chickweed

9 media plant poultice to treat skin sores, ulcers, infections eye infections hemorrhoids

9 pubera juice high in vitamin C to treat scurvy infusion for lung congestion & tuberculosis  
& as tonic after illness 9 S. alpine warming pleasant slightly bitter relieves flatulence & dispels cold

promotes hidrosis & detoxifies for 1) colds 2) traumatic injuries 3) snake bites 4) pimples

Whole plant 3-5 ch ijen decoction mixed with wine 3 S. media refrigerant, demulcent, mucilaginous,  
diuretic alternative

8 S. media refrigerant demulcent expectorant cancer tumors & warts Chippewa leaf decoction  
for eyewash Iroquois put to swellings

Stillinaria sylvatica L.

Queen's Delight

Part Used: root

Collect in late fall or early spring alterative slice into transverse sections<sup>12</sup>

Indian women drank mashed roots boiled in water after childbirth to treat constipation induce vomiting, syphilis, skin diseases liver ailments; rubdown of boiled mashed roots for menstrual irregularity<sup>9</sup> 3 spurge oil of root in large doses causes vomiting & purging alterative as tincture or infusion 1/2 tsp root to cup boiling water a mouthful at a time.

Grievens says chewing pieces of fresh root daily has permanently & effectively cured bronchitis & laryngitis 1 drop on tongue 3-4 times daily for severe attacks of cough also sedative expectorant emetic cathartic & diaphoretic 3 Heart, Cancers

8 Cherokee root decoction for VD Lumbee boiled root with Tephrosia 6 hours for decoction for & cysts, discharges, & infections, mild decoction vaginal douche or drunk tea for serious VD mixed with Desmodium Rhus & Tephrosia for skin pellagra

Cherokee root decoction or tincture for VD or clap

*Symporicarpos orbiculatus*

Coralberry Buckbrush

8 Dakota & Omaha leaf infusion collyrium Ojibwa used inner bark for same

# Taraxacum officinale Weber

# Dandelion

Part Used: Roots

Collect roots in late summer or fall use fairly fresh tonic for liver diseases  
in dyspepsia<sup>12</sup> roots diuretic, laxative, tonic, to treat liver & spleen ailments & to stimulate appetite New Mexico tea of boiled flowers for heart trouble pioneers used root juice to treat liver disease Indians cooked & ate young greens in early spring to purify blood & made a root tea to cure heart burn; paste of ground leaves & bread dough applied to bruises, leaves salad greens, flowers make wine <sup>9</sup> T. mongolicum Hand-Mazz. cold bitter pleasant taste Clears fever, detoxifies, breaks up congestion, strengthens stomach, stimulates milk flow for 1) Mastitis boils & abscesses 2) stomach-ache 3) inadequate milk supply; whole plant 3-5 ch'ien decoction 3 bitter, mild laxative in catarrhal jaundice diuretic laxative hepatic antiscorbutic sialagogue Tonic aperient alterative & stomachic spring greens Tonic root tincture must be roots less than a year old Infusion 1 tsp root to a cup of water take freely or decoction by boiling 15 minutes Tincture considered more useful (as dissolves resin) 10-15 drops in water 3 times a day 3-5 cures mammary ulcers, disperses fever, used in treating venereal disease, neutralizes body toxins 5 Ch root tea for blood chew for toothache, tea of herb to calm nerves