

## Capsella bursa-pastoris

## Shepherd's Purse

9 juice on a ball of cotton was used as a plug to stop nosebleeds clears phlegm from chest increase urine flow & menstrual flow, correct vitamin C shortage decoction to treat hemorrhoids diarrhea & bloody urine 9 Neutral, pleasant taste hemostatic, diuretic for hemoptysis Hematuria, hematuria, post-partum uterine bleeding metorrhagia. 2) Nephritic edema, difficult urination cyluria whole plant 2-4 fl.oz decoction 9 3 bitter astringent, antiscorbutic, expectorant, diuretic emmenagogue, deobstruent juice on cotton as above WWI Germany styptic boil 3 oz in 2 pints water 2 tsp every 4 hours or use fresh for external bleeding 3

8 Chippewa herb decoction for diarrhea, dysentery, stomach cramps Menominee decoction for poisoning  
Mohegan used seed pods for antihelminthic stomachic

Cardamine sp. C. bulbosa (Schreb.) BSP - Spring Cress C. parviflora L. Small-flowered Watercress Bitter Cress  
C. hirsuta L. C. perfoliata Muhl.

*Carduus* sp. Bull Thistle

*C. altissimus* Cherokee drank leaf tea for neuralgia, root tea for overeating,  
poultice boiled, bruised root to sore jaws

*C. lanceolatus* Delaware root for rheumatism Navaho tea emetic  
Ojibwa used root for stomach cramps

*Carex* *Carya* ↓

8 C. plantaginea Lom Root worn by Menominee to prevent snakebite or chewed and applied to snakebite

HICKORY Sedge

*Carya* Hickory Cordiformis Bitternut Fox used bark decoction as diuretic laxative & panacea

*C glabra* <sup>ovalis</sup> Red Hickory O'ibwa bark infusion for flu

*C illinoensis* Pecan Comanche used leaves for ringworm

*C tomentosa* Mockernut Cherokee chewed bark for sore mouth tea for bile, colds, dysmenorrhea, pain of poliomyelitis, ruptured blood vessels,

Chippewa inhaled smoke of small shoots for convulsions Delaware bark for debility tonic

Cherokee diaphoretic, for bile, to invigorate stomach large dose as emetic

for cold & obstructions bark steep drunk by ball players to make limbs supple  
for relief of pain of poliomyelitis, chew bark for sore mouth, inner bark astringent and detergent, dressing for cuts, ruptured or cut blood vessels, food, blowgun darts, arrow shafts handles for tools firewood barrel hoops, corn beaters, inner bark for chair bottoms for finishing baskets

# Cassia

a *marilandica* L.  
b *occidentalis* L.  
c *fasciculata* Michx.

d *Tora* L.  
e *nictitans* L.

a Wild Senna  
b Coffee Weed  
c Partridge Pea

d Sicklepod  
e Sensitive Pea

Senna  
Partridge Pea

## Part Used Seeds

1 b roasted & ground seeds coffee substitute leaves & undeveloped fruits cooked as vegetable leaf ointment for ringworm<sup>1</sup> seeds coffee substitute in India seeds were mordant for blue dyes leaves purgative<sup>1</sup>  
Indians used bruised roots as poultice for sores, root decoction for fever & leaves as mild laxative

2 C. tora L. bitter but pleasant taste purifies liver & supports kidneys Expels gas clarifies vision for headache, swollen & red eyes dizziness, pterygiums 1.5-3 chien decoction leaves cold, bitter taste relieves stoppage distension eliminates constipation for overeating & indigestion, abdominal fullness constipation ascites 5 fen to 1.5 chien decoction 3 purgative t-sp steeped ½ hour half cupful at night cathartic by Indians also poultice for sores, root decoction for fevers 3 C. occidentalis diuretic vermifuge in decoction applied to itch irritation & inflammation of the rectum 3 5 C. angustifolia cathartic, dry leaves for laxative contain emodin 5 hot root steep for heart

3 Manilandia Cherokee bruised moist root to dress sores drank decoction for fever, partial paralysis steeped root for heart, mixed with partridge pea for syncope with others for pneumonia tea for cramps Fox ate soaked seed for sore throat C. tora. Hounds root in compound for typhoid C. nictitans Cherokee roots to prevent fatigue for syncope Cherokee tea for blacks (hands & eye sockets blacken) cathartic, purgative, in medicine F Tea for blood purifier Marion tea for chills Ft. Smith for pneumonia, root tea for children's fever, tea for cramps

*Castanea* Ozark  
*dentata* (Marsh.) Benth. Chestnut

## Ozark Chinkapin

9 dentata Indians made leaf tea for whooping cough, sedative & tonic Bark to treat worms, dysentery  
C. mollisima Bl. Neutral pleasant taste slightly salty Stops diarrhea, dysentery sustains stomach, gin, stops bleeding  
for Diarrhea, uncontrollable epistaxis, dysentery 2) regurgitation, profound Thirst, burn 5 chén - 1 liang or  
root bark 1-2 liang decoction

8 Cherokee leaf decoction for fever with chills cold sweats headaches fever blisters

C dentata Chestnut Cherokee used leaf decoction for heart, old sores cough syrup w mullein  
tea for puerperium typhoid Mohegan & Seneca leaf infusion for whooping cough

Ch <sup>Chestnut</sup> tea of year old leaves for heart trouble leaves from young sprouts cure old sores cold bark tea with  
buckeye to stop bleeding after birth worm galls make infants navel recede Boil leaves with mullein  
& brown sugar for cough syrup dip leaves in hot water & put on sores Tea for typhoid, stomach  
bark makes brown dye parch fruit for coffee substitute

Chinkapin for fever blisters heat brittle leaves & blow on patient for headaches chills & cold sweat

Catalpa *bignonioides* Wolt.

Catalpa

Bark used to expell intestinal worms, leaves applied as poultice to skin wounds & abrasions  
seeds induce vomiting & to treat intestinal worms Bark decoction mild laxative

# Caulophyllum thalictroides (L) Michx

Blue Cohosh  
Squawroot  
Blue Ginseng Yellow Ginseng

Part Used Rootstalk <sup>12</sup> dig roots in fall demulcent, antispasmodic, emmenagogue, & diuretic  
humus shade pH 4.5-7 Easily cultivated requires minimal care Propagate by seed  
or fall division of rootstocks Heavy oak or beech wintercover left in place <sup>14</sup> Hardiness  
U.S. Pharmacopeia 1890 demulcent antispasmodic, emmenagogue, and diuretic.

Powdered root used by Indian women to induce menstrual flow & hasten childbirth root tea to strengthen stomach & to treat V.D. Root used to induce sweating, relieve spasms & treat sore throat colic & rheumatism <sup>9</sup> 3 infusion 1 oz to pint boiling water take 2 or 3 oz 3-4 times daily stimulates uterine contractions, hastens childbirth induce menstruation, antispasmodic diaphoretic demulcent, sudorific, emmenagogue, diuretic; for chronic uterine diseases rheumatism dropsy colic cramps etc. <sup>causes muscle spasms</sup> <sup>joint pains</sup> 3

childbirth for chronic rheumatism bronchitis, colic, dropsy Cherokee roots for colic, fits, hysterics, labor, inflammation, nerves rheumatism, rubbed into poison ivy, <sup>leaves</sup> root exudates to toothache

Chippewa powdered root for childbirth & menstruation, root decoction emetic, dyspepsia, lungs, stomach cramps Cree used flowers for rheumatism, sciatica, roots abortant, for metrorrhagia Stomach equal parts blue cohosh & coreflower roots Fox metrorrhagia Orogenital Mohegan root for kidneys Qibwa root decoction emetic for dysmenorrhea, stomach cramps. Omaha roots febrifuge Potawatomi root decoction birth, metrorrhagia

Ch root decoction or syrup for fits, hysterics, colics, nerves, childbirth, helps inflammation & prevents mortification of womb, root for rheumatism ooze on toothache rub on poison oak

# Ceanothus

*americanus* L. New Jersey Tea  
*oratus* Desf. Redroot

## New Jersey Tea Redroot

Parts Used Root or root bark, leaves

1 leaves are tea substitute (dry first) root expectorant & astringent root bark causes blood-clotting  
sandy, dry open woods propagate by root divisions pH 6-7 (deer love it)

2 European research shows potential for reducing blood pressure Leaves were tea substitute  
Decoction of leaves & seeds to cure ulcerated sore throat Indians used root decoction for syphilis & cancer  
Used to treat gonorrhea, dysentery & eye disease in children root is stimulant sedative & loosens phlegm

3 root bark, dried ground infused tsp to cup boiling water drunk a little at a time up to 2 cups daily  
Canadian root dye cinnamon, astringent antispasmodic, anti-syphilitic, expectorant sedative for  
asthma bronchitis whooping cough & dysentery as injection for gonorrhea, gleet & leucorrhea Wash for  
mouth sores from bark, astringent 3

4 antispasmodic, astringent, expectorant sedative stimulant, respiratory in Europe to reduce high blood pressure for spleen  
leaf tea

Alabama root decoction bath for injured legs or feet Cherokee root to toothache, for cancer

Chippewa root tea for constipation and pulmonosis Lumbee root synergist with other herbs for sprains, swellings & tonic  
Fox root roots for diarrheal fluxes & snakebite Menominee root decoction for consumption, cough, stomach

Cherokee hold root tea on aching teeth hot root tea for bowel complaint

F Red root makes a good laxative Mena

## Celastrus scandens L.

## Bittersweet

1 horses have been poisoned from leaves but white tails eat. Bark used medicinally from root bark yields extract for salve 1 Fall root bark taken internally to induce vomiting, quiet disturbed people, treat venereal diseases & increase urine flow. Mix with grease for ointment for skin cancers tumors burns & swellings Root bark decoction to induce menstrual flow & sweating. *C. articulatus* Thunb warming neutral taste relieves inflammation detoxifies, stimulates blood circulation expels flatus strengthens sinews & bones for 1) Paralysis, numbness of extremities 2) Headache, toothache 3) spontaneous abscess snakebite Roots, stems & leaves roots & stems 1-2 liang decoction 3 Root bark emetic diaphoretic narcotic stimulant used in venereal diseases 3

8 Cherokee chewed root for coughs scratched rheumatic joints with branches astringent leaves for diarrhea indolent ulcers & childbirth Chippewa root for heart diuretic stuff decoction for eruptions & sores decoction for constipated children for cancers sores Creek 9 urinary or pain in small of back Delaware root for consumption Fox root birthing Mohawk infused root bark for sterility Iroquois berries for stomach

Ck Bark tea to settle stomach, chew root for cough, leaves astringent decoction for bowels wash for foul ulcers strong tea with red raspberry leaves for childbirth pain, scratch rheumatism with thorny branch

Celtis laevigata Hackberry Hounds bark decoction sore throat & venereal Fox used inner bark as conditioner for ponies

Cephalanthus occidentalis L.

Buttonbush

Part Used Root Bark, leaves

1 favorite bee plant leaves make bitter tonic root bark tea used to treat diabetes 1

9 Indians used inner bark tea to induce vomiting as laxative & tonic also as tea & chewed for toothache bark tincture for fever, coughs, and venereal disease boil root & make honey syrup for pleurisy 9

3 Tincture of fresh bark for intermittent & remittant fevers Root boiled & mixed with honey to make syrup for lung diseases 3

8 Chippewa boiled stems & leaves & drank 3 cups daily to stop menstrual flow tea for cramps & pain

Choctaw chewed bark for toothache decoction for calygnium Fox inner bark as emetic

Creek added to mullein for coughs

F dig roots of gall-willow bush & boil in water 2 hours drink tea instead of water for chills or malaria Alix

Cercis canadensis

Redbud

8 Alabama infusion of inner bark and root for pulmonary congestion

Cherokee bark tea for whooping cough children eat blossoms

Delaware bark infusion antiemetic, febrifuge

*Chamaelirium luteum*(L.) A. Gray

Unicorn root  
Starwort  
Blazing Star

Devil's Bit

Part Used: Rootstalk

<sup>12</sup> Collect in fall use in derangements of women <sup>12</sup> Requires little care oakleaf winter cover  
Propagation by division <sup>14</sup> Pioneers used powdered roots for uterine disorders Head pains  
pain in side & loins poor appetite depression & colic. Rootstalk for intestinal worms, Vitamin C deficiency  
induce increased urine & saliva & vomiting Indians chewed root to relieve coughs & check miscarriages.  
& diuretic diaphoretic, antihelminthic purgative tonic universal panacea for Indians

*Chelone* sp.

Turtle head

3 glabra Grieve whole fresh plant chopped, pounded to a pulp for tincture, Decoction 2 oz fresh herb to pint (boil 1-2 oz decoction) antibilious, antihelminthic, tonic, detergent "peculiar" action on liver (for left lobe?) ointment for inflamed tumors, irritating ulcers, inflamed breasts, piles 3

8 glabra Algonquin tea from roots with cedar bark "medicine"

Cherokee for appetite, fever, skin eruptions, sores, worms. Malecite contraceptive, leaves antihelminthic, tonic

Potawatomi leaves in ointment for tumors

*Chenopodium album* L.<sup>(1)</sup>

Lamb's Quarters

9 Young leaves make an excellent vegetable dish high in vitamin C and mildly laxative. In European famine seeds were mixed with wheat. Indians made tea for stomach pains.<sup>9</sup>

8 Fox root decoction for genital itching. Potawatomi food to prevent or cure scurvy.

(2) ambrosioides L.  
*Chenopodium botrys*

Mexican Tea  
Wormseed      Jerusalem Oak

9 tea to hasten milk flow from nursing mothers & to relieve post-delivery pains In Mexico it is cooked & eaten for intestinal worms slightly narcotic to induce menstrual flow & reduce profuse & painful flow to treat nervous conditions. 3 poisonous seeds as antihelminthic oil 1cc dose; tsp seeds mixed with honey twice in one day followed by good laxative. or powdered seeds dose 15-60g at bedtime & in morning before food 2 or 3 days followed by cathartic tonic antispasmodic in Mexico for amenorrhoea & painful & profuse menstruation narcotic poison affecting brain, spinal cord & stomach 3 C. Botrys Expectorant in catarrh, asthma for coughs emmenagogue solvent & carminative 3-5 Diaphoretic, strengthens eyes & circulation cures hemoptysis (blood coughing) gonorrhoea dysentery & intestinal worms 50

& intestinal worms May a Natchez Creek <sup>Lumber</sup> Indigo sic, febrifuge spring tonic Hoima leaves boiled in milk poulticed crushed leaves for Headache vermicifuge

Cherokee botrys boil any part in sweet milk for worms boil seeds & sugar for worms, warm root tea drunk in winter for fevers, drink and moisten head with cold tea for colds & headaches

*Chionanthus virginicus* L.

Fringetree

9 Appalachia decoction of boiled bark is used to treat skin inflammations Indians boiled bark in water & used liquid to bathe wounds & treat malarial fevers. Pioneers applied poultice of crushed bark to cuts & bruises leaves & flowers to treat inflammations & sores, mouth & throat ulcers & diarrhea. 9

3 overdose of bark tincture causes frontal headache, bruised sore sensation of eyeballs, nausea bitter eruptions & retching pressure to stool vomiting black stools slow pulse, cold sweat & weakness. bark is tonic diuretic aperient narcotic alterative febrifuge astringent <sup>tincture</sup>; if infusion used make 1 oz dry bark to 1 pint water 1 tablespoon at a time; astringent & used as lotion for wounds & ulcers 3

8 bark tonic diuretic & astringent for fever Chastaw root decoction to dress wounds

1 Koosati best dried bark, added water and poulticed on cuts & bruises

# Chrysanthemum leucanthemum L.

*parthenium*(L.) Bernh. Feverfew

# Ox-eye Daisy

9 C. parthenium Children with colic chew leaves tea of dry ground leaves for colds, indigestion & diarrhea  
suppository for constipation of dry leaves, honey & soap Dried flowers treat indigestion kill intestinal worms  
induce menstrual flow & induce abortion. ♀ C. cinerariaefolium Vis. warming, toxic vermicidal

1) Flying maggots: dry flowers pulverize & throw onto excreta 2) Mosquitoes dry whole plant crush and prepare  
into fumigant ♀ C. indicum L. neutral, bitter taste clears fever, detoxifies reduces swelling for

1) Swelling from boils & abscesses 2) epidemic encephalomyelitis 3) hypertension whole plant

5 chien - Liang decoction ♀ C. morifolium Ramat. slightly hot cold bitter pleasant taste carminative  
antipyretic detoxifying for 1) Headache & dizziness with wind-caused fevers; 2) tinnitus conjunctivitis  
[contrachroma] 3) Boils & abscesses Flowers 2-4 chien decoction 3 to restore color after jaundice

for wounds asthma consumption tinea, salt rheum, cutaneous eruptions irritations, as insect  
powder 3

8 Menominee febrifuge emetic in large doses Mohegan flower tonic flower & root infusion as collyrium

Quileute used flower tea to wash chapped hands Shinnecock used for tonic tea

C parthenium Cherokee tea bathing swollen feet Mahunk aromatic tea

*Cichorium intybus*

Chicory

3 roots added to coffee diuretic laxative tonic, jaundice & liver decoction for dry powdered root to  
pint of water (take freely) 3

Ch Cherokee & Hovins used root tea as nerve tonic

*Cicuta maculata* L. Poison

Spotted Cowbane Water Hemlock

Cherokee women chewed & swallowed root 4 consecutive days to insure permanent sterility  
8 ds above Iroquois used to reduce sprains & inflammations If you get dizzy chewing roots  
you will die soon if not you'll live a lot longer corn is soaked before planting to  
repel pests Suicide in large quantities

# Cimicifuga racemosa(L.) Nutt.

Black Snakeroot  
Bugbane

# Black Cohosh

Part Used: Rootstalk (collect in fall after leaves die back & fruit appears)

<sup>12</sup> collect after fruit has ripened (September) alterative, emmenagogue, and sedative

rocky woods pH 5-6 loam Thrives under cultivation no special care <sup>14</sup> Hardings Snafebites, alterative, emmenagog and sedative. <sup>9</sup> Appalachia root tea for sore throat Indians used root decoction for rheumatism,

kidney trouble & general malaise rhizomes to treat womens' ailments promote sweating & treat malaria colonists used for yellow fever, itching, bronchitis, nervous diseases, uterine disorders & snakebite <sup>9</sup>

C. foetida clears fever, detoxifies for rashes, measles, smallpox erysipelas, sore throat, canker sores, eversion of anus following chronic diarrhoea, metrorrhagia, uterine prolapse 5 fen -2 shien decoction

3 official drug nearly 100 years extract tincture or infusion (2 tsp root to pint boiling water) Antirheumatic for chorea, dysmenorrhea, neuralgia & tinnitus aurium (buzzing in ears) Spasmodic affections epilepsy & as astringent diuretic alterative small doses childrens' diarrhea, consumption reduces pulse induces sweating whooping cough specific in St. Vitus's Dance in children, overdoses produce nausea, vomiting, reputed insecticide for snakebite & bee sting 3 5 C. foetida Neutralizes poisons, relieves headaches 5

overex

F Boil root to syrup for malaria Cassville, Mo.

8 roots for chronic rheumatism astringent, emmenagogue, expectorant bitter tonic Appalachian root tea for sore throat

Cherofee decoction for scirrhous tumors, backache, cold, cough, constipation, consumption, fatigue, hives, insomnia, rheumatism roots in alcohol as emollient, astringent, diuretic, emmenagogue tonic for rheumatism

Malecite root infusion for kidneys Dakota Winnebago & Penobscot snakebite, diarrhea, deep chest spasmic cough, menstrual

Ch roots in alcohol for rheumatism tonic, diuretic, emollient emmenagogue slightly astringent

tea for colds coughs consumption constipation rheumatism fatigue hives backache to make baby sleep

*Cirsium* sp. *C. altissimum*(L.) Spreng - Tall *C. discolor* (Muhl.) Spreng - Field *C. vulgare* - Bull  
*C. carolinianum*(Walt) Fern *C. horridulum* Michx - Bull

## Thistle

*C. japonicum* D.C. for (1) boils & carbuncles (2) acute appendicitis (3) uterine bleeding hematuria, nosebleed hematemesis  
traumatic bleeding / liang dried root decoction *C. arvense* Boil with milk for dysentery emetic  
tonic diaphoretic & astringent

8 *C. arvense* Abenaki root decoction for worms Algonquin for poisoning Mohegan leaf infusion mouthwash  
consumption oral ulcers Ojibwa bowel tonic for gastrointestinal

*C. discolor* Cree hemostatic poultice to wounds Fox root decoction for stomachache Walpole Island root tea

*C. horridulum* Hounds leaves & roots with whiskey to clear phlegm from lungs & throat

*C. repandum* Lumbee for spider bites

*C. vulgare* Delaware infused for rheumatism hot herbal foot baths for swelling  
Fox roots flavor other medicines Iroquois internal & external for hemorrhoids

*Circaea alpina* Enchancers' nightshade Potawatomi for tumors

Claytonia sp.

Spring Beauty

Clematis sp.

Virgins' Bower Leather Flower

- 1 C. chinensis Osh. warming, bitter, acrid taste dispels flatus, alleviates pain for 1) Rheumatoid arthritis 2) stomach-ache 3) fishbone stuck in throat 4) tetanus Roots 3-5 ch'ien decoction  
2 C. recta alleviates heat in Thorax, cleanses urine, for dropsy, deafness, disturbed vision, sore throats, dry palate & dry tongue (but not to take while sweating), for diseases of male genitalia, gonorrhoea, enlarged prostate and even cancer amonin (camphor also in *Aconite pulsatilla*)  
3 C. virginiana Cherokee root for backache with milkweed, kidneys, nerves, stomach