

Ethnomedical Information on Anamu (*Petiveria alliacea*)

Plant Part / Location	Documented Ethnic Use	Type Extract Route	Used For	Ref #
Aerial Parts Bolivia	Used for colds.	Aerial Parts Oral	Human Adult	L03868
Aerial Parts Brazil	Used for toothache.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	T08730
Aerial Parts Colombia	Used for snakebite. Decoction taken before childbirth to relieve pains and facilitate delivery.	Infusion External Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human(pregnant)	L15991 A00710
Aerial Parts Paraguay	Used as an insecticide.	Not Stated External	Human Adult	K18765
Entire Plant Brazil	Used as an abortive. Used as a diaphoretic and diuretic. Used as an antirheumatic. Used for headache.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Infusion Oral Infusion Oral	Human(pregnant) Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	W02290 W02290 M27460 K16654
Entire Plant Colombia	Used to prevent tooth decay by blackening teeth. Fresh material is chewed.	Plant Oral	Human Adult	T09203
Entire Plant Cuba	Used as an abortive. Used to treat cancer. Used for diabetes and as an anti-inflammatory.	Decoction Oral Decoction Not stated Decoction Oral	Human(pregnant) Human Adult Human Adult	K07661
Entire Plant Dominica	A tea is used as an aid to women in parturition.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant)	W01267
Entire Plant Guatemala	Used as a remedy for stomach cramps and diarrhea.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	W01280
Entire Plant Guyana	Decoction drunk to induce abortion.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant)	M01437
Entire Plant Mexico	Used to treat pimples. (Used in the bath while bathing.) Used as an abortifacient. Used as an emmenagogue. Used to calm pain of childbirth and to hasten birth.	Plant External Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Infusion Oral	Human Adult Human(pregnant) Human (female) Human(pregnant)	K16948 W02855 W02855 T08771

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Entire Plant Nicaragua	Used for colds, for the heart, the kidneys, and the liver. Used for snakebite. Used for toothache. Used for aches and pains, respiratory & pulmonary disorders.	Plant Not Stated Plant External Plant Oral Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	K26492 K26492 K26492 L16047
Entire Plant West Indies	A tea is used as an aid to women in parturition. Used as an abortive. Used as a diaphoretic and diuretic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant) Human(pregnant) Human Adult	T00701 W02290 W02290
Leaf Argentina	Used to treat colds. Used against diarrhea, to treat respiratory tract infections, and to treat urinary tract infections.	Infusion Oral Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	L04223 K17523
Leaf Brazil	Used for rheumatism and for cancerous conditions. Said to be insecticidal.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Leaves Not stated	Human Adult Not stated	M24758 T15975
Leaf French Guiana	Used as a diuretic. Fresh leaves used for an analgesic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	J10155 M18488
Leaf Guatemala	Used to induce menstruation. Used for headache. Used for stomachache. Used for fever. Used for ringworm and skin fungal diseases. Used for blood disorders. Used for skin diseases and irritations, pimples, pustules, skin eruptions, erysipelas, dermatitis, skin inflammation, abscesses, furuncles, and scrofula.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Leaves External Decoction Oral Decoction External Hot H2O Ext Leaves Oral Infusion External	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	A04161 K28434 K28434 K28434 M27151 J14071 T15445
Leaf Haiti	Used for headache. Used for edema. Used as a mouthwash for tooth pain.	Leaves Inhalation Decoction Oral Leaves Maceration	Human Adult Human Adult	T13846 T13846
Leaf Mexico	Used to treat epilepsy. Leaves rubbed on body for hives, heat rash, boils, and pustules.	Infusion Oral Leaves External	Human Adult Human Adult	K16948 T08016

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Leaf Nicaragua	Used for aches and pains. Used for colds. Used for coughs. Used for rituals.	Infusion External Decoction Oral Infusion Oral Infusion Not stated	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	K27070 K27070 K27070 K27070
Leaf Peru	Used for colds.	Leaves Oral	Human Adult	K28202
Leaf Puerto Rico	Said to cure cholera.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	A03452
Leaf + Stem Jamaica	Used as an abortifacient.	Infusion Oral	Human(pregnant)	K29710
Leaf + Stembark Panama	Used for ritual ceremonies.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	T16730
Leaf + Stem Puerto Rico	Used for fevers.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	A04418
Leaf + Stem West Indies	Used as a diuretic, an emmenagogue, as an abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T05032
Part Not Stated Argentina	Used as an emmenagogue, antirheumatic, febrifuge, and diuretic.	Not stated Oral	Human Adult	K03244
Part Not Stated Brazil	Used as an abortifacient by the rural populace. Used to treat malaria. Used as an insecticide.	Not stated Not stated Oral Not stated External	Human(pregnant) Human Adult Human Adult	J01423 J14512 K18765
Part Not Stated Paraguay	Used as an abortifacient and emmenagogue by the rural populace.	Not stated	Human(pregnant)	J01423
Part Not Stated Venezuela	Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T15375
Root Argentina	Used for toothache. Used for headaches, toothaches, and swellings and as an antiseptic.	Root Periodontal Smoke Inhalation	Human Adult Human Adult	K23834 K23834
Root Brazil	Used for malaria, fevers, as an abortifacient & diuretic. Used for fevers, as an anthelmintic, antispasmodic, and as an abortive. Used as a diuretic, sedative, antispasmodic, anthelmintic, and antiinflammatory. Used as an abortive, diuretic, antirheumatic and against venereal diseases and headaches.	Infusion Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral Infusion Oral Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	L15570 W00375 K18484 T15975

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Root Cuba	Used as a powerful abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human(pregnant)	A04490 W02855
Root + Stem Guatemala	Used for sinusitis.	Powder Inhalation	Human Adult	K26154
Root French Guiana	Used as an emmenagogue and an abortifacient.	Not stated Oral	Human Adult	A04994
Root Mexico	Used to treat influenza. Inhalation of the root is recommended - this could be snuff or smoke.	Root Inhalation	Human Adult	K16948
Root Paraguay	Used for flu. Used for skin diseases and muscular pains. Used for digestive diseases, fever, and sinusitis.	Root Juice Oral Decoction External Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	T14623 K26154 K26154
Root Puerto Rico	Used as an emmenagogue and an abortifacient. Said to cure cholera.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	A03452 A03452
Root Trinidad	Used as an abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	K03665
Root USA-TX	Used as an emmenagogue and an abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	A05958
Root Virgin Islands	Used for headaches. Used for dysmenorrhea, and as a abortifacient.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	W00903 T00701

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