

Chapter 1 : Free Manuals to Downloads on Survival and Edible Plants

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This article is not intended to replace professional medical advice. The information provided is intended as an educational guide to common herbs used as traditional remedies by our ancestors. If you are concerned about getting sick in a survival situation or in the post apocalyptic world, you should learn to identify common medicinal herbs. Wild remedies such as these may be necessary when there are no pharmacies or doctors to rely on. Field office guide to plant species. How to Get Started Beg, buy, or borrow a guide to medicinal plants for your area. I depend on my copy of The Peterson Field Guide: Before you head out into the field and start collecting samples: Make sure you understand the difference between alternate vs. These terms could save you from an unpleasant, or even fatal, experience. Some medicinal herbs are toxic in large amounts, so be sure to follow the instructions given in your guide. You also need to learn how to prepare these herbs for use. For example, a poultice is prepared by crushing certain parts of the plants and applying to the affected area. Herbal tea is brewed with fresh or dried plant parts in very hot water. Make sure you are using the proper part of the plant, as some plants have poisonous seeds or flowers, but the leaves or roots are safe to use. Educate yourself before you get started! For our purposes, we will look at a few species that are common in the United States that are generally considered safe to use. Some of them also have value as wild edibles. Common burdock *Actium minus* is a wild edible with many medicinal uses. A tea made from the roots has traditionally been used as a blood purifier, diuretic, and an aid for digestion, gout, liver and kidney ailments, as well as rheumatism and gonorrhea hey, it could happen. The roots are also high in inulin which has traditionally been used for diabetes. Some compounds in the roots have been shown to have antibacterial properties. Leaves may be poulticed and used to treat minor burns, ulcers, and sores. Studies suggest anti-cancer properties of the roots. Yarrow "Achillea millefolium This strongly scented flower has traditionally been used as a poultice applied to stop bleeding. An herbal tea brewed from dried flowering plant has also been used to treat colds, fevers, indigestion, gastric inflammations and internal bleeding. Expectorant, analgesic, and sweat-inducing properties that may be useful for treating colds and flu. Do not take in large amounts or for long periods of time as the compound thujone is present in small amounts and is toxic. Wild Bergamont "Monarda fistulosa Historically, the leaves were used to brew tea used to treat colic, colds, fevers, stomachaches, insomnia, and internal parasites. Contains antioxidant compound carvacrol with anesthetic, worm-expelling, and anti-inflammatory properties. Dandelion "Taraxacum officinale One of the easiest medicinal herbs to identify, dandelion root tea has been used to treat ailments of the liver, gallbladder, kidney, and bladder. It has diuretic properties and may also provide relief for constipation. The root may be hypoglycemic, and a mild antibiotic against yeast infections. Jewelweed "Impatiens capensis Jewel weed has been used for ages as a poultice for poison ivy rash. The leaves contain the compound lawsone, which has antihistamine and anti-inflammatory properties. It is a traditional folk remedy for bruises, burns, cuts, eczema, insect bites, sores, sprains, warts, and ringworm. Wild Yarrow Achillia millefolium is also an insect repellent. Those Who Help Themselves I have a great deal of respect for people who learn to do things for themselves. Lost in the wilderness and suffering from a severe head cold? Learn which plants have antibacterial properties so you can live to fight another day. Dandelion Taraxacum officinale roots are a common herbal remedy. It is beyond the scope of this article to cover the numerous species of medicinal plants growing wild around the world. This short list is intended to get you started on some of the more common and safe plants you might come upon in the wild. The only way to really learn about this topic is to get out there and start identifying plants. If you have an experienced guide, it will be much easier to find, identify, and use wild herbal remedies. As with any survival skill, reading about it from the comfort of your couch will not prepare you for the real world. So get out there and start preparing for our uncertain future now! Duke Save herbal remedies , wild herbs , wild medicinal plants About Lisa Lynn I grew up on acres of farm and woodland, foraging for wild edibles, learning to preserve food and raise livestock. My husband, Tom, and I spent way too much time in the

purgatory of suburbia before moving to a small agricultural property. We plan to move to a larger, off grid property where we can expand our efforts in self sufficiency.

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Chapter 2 : Harbour Publishing: A Field Guide to Medicinal Wild Plants of Canada

Field Guide to Medicinal Wild Plants - Kindle edition by Bradford Angier, David K. Foster. Download it once and read it on your Kindle device, PC, phones or tablets. Use features like bookmarks, note taking and highlighting while reading Field Guide to Medicinal Wild Plants.

This book helps to train your eye to see unique qualities of plants very important to proper identification when your goal is to eat them. This book is primarily for the North Central or Northeastern states but it still contains quite a bit of overlap Identifying and Harvesting Edible and Medicinal Plants in Wild and Not So Wild Places Although this book is not ideal for going out in the field and identifying new plants, once you do know the plants then it is an excellent resource to return to time and time again. I particularly like that the book is organized by season and the habitat within that season. When you use a plant, something amazing happens. It becomes a part of you. You go beyond mere identification since you now have seen it, touched it, smelled it, and in many cases consumed it. So next time you positively identify a wild edible or medicinal plant, bring it home and learn how to use it. The best way is not just to copy the plant from the field or from a field guide but to use the minds-eye approach. Study the photo or drawing of the picture: Spend around 5 minutes studying the picture of the plant. Try to focus on the structure of the leaves. Do they grow opposite each other like a person putting out their arms to the sides or do they grow up the plant in an alternating pattern? Are the leaves round, oval, compound? Do they have serrated or smooth edges? Is the stalk woody, green, succulent or non-existent. After studying the plant for 5 minutes, close the field guide and without looking at the picture or photo, begin to draw the plant based on what you see in your minds eye. Then again, in your minds eye try to imagine seeing yourself in a location where this plant grows. Picture how tall it is relative to you and imagine bending down and touching the plant. Imagine preparing and using the plant: For this final step, I want you to use your minds eye to imagine taking the plant home and processing it into a meal. If you can eat it raw then imagine picking the leaf or other edible portion and eating it. I know a lot of this sounds like hokey new-age crap, but in reality, this method works. Try it for yourself. These classes are an excellent means to quickly learning plants in your area. One thing I do want to note is that these classes are much more effective after having learned a few wild plants on your own.

Chapter 3 : A Field Guide to Medicinal Plants and Herbs by Steven Foster

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Peterson's Field Guide (A Guide to Edible Wild Plants) indicates that raw leaves and flowers are difficult to digest, but they can be eaten in quantity if if soaked a few hours in hot water or cooked in some manner. Also dried flowers and seeds can be ground into flour.