## **Medicinals Plants of Essence Arenal:**

## **Single Herb Tinctures**

Herbal tinctures are a liquid solution of herbs and alcohol. The herbs in our Single Herb Tinctures are always hand harvested with respect and care at their peak seasonal potency. They are then processed with care by hand in small batches.

Tinctures are produced with pharmaceutical grade organic grain or cane alcohol according to standard tincturing ratios. They are infused for one complete lunar cycle in glass jars and are then hand pressed and bottled.

Fresh herb tinctures are concentrated plant remedies that are better assimilated by the body than dried herbs and capsules. They should be used at their lowest effective dose. Suggested dose varies by extract. Consult individual labels for dosage. Tinctures can be taken directly under the tongue, in a small amount of water, or in hot water to evaporate off the alcohol. When stored in a cool dark place tinctures have a shelf life of five years.

| Name of the        | Where to plant / How to plant/The cares | Seed/Multiplication         | Medicinals Uses                        | Doses                             |
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| plants/ Scientific |   |                             |  | Depends of each person and case   |
| name               |   |                             |  | and what you want to cure         |
| American cone      | Full sun and in deep soil               | Harvest the seeds when the  | Use to <b>boost immune system</b>      | Dry powdered extract: 300–500     |
| flower / Echinacea | Well drained                            | flowers are brown and       | Good for cold flu season/antimicrobial | mg of Echinacea purpurea, three   |
| Purpurea           | Tolerate drought, warmness, poor soils  | before they fall, the seeds | Detoxify for the circulatory system,   | times daily.                      |
|                    | Never cultivate in shadow               | are beiges                  | lymphatic, and respiratory             |                                   |
|                    | Bedding plants                          | Keep them in a cool place   | Improve the white blood cell           | Liquid extract tinctures: 2.5 ml, |
|                    | Just cut the stem for a new bloom and   | before to seed them in      | Antibiotic                             | three times daily, or up to 10 ml |
|                    | reduce the auto-seeding                 | spring                      | The roots adaptogen, antiseptic,       | daily.                            |
|                    |   | The seed germinate between  | depurative digestive                   |                                   |
|                    |   | 10 – 21 days at 25°C        |  |                                   |
|                    |   | Can be divide               |  |                                   |

|                  | Sun: Holy basil thrives in full sun but   | Sow seeds outdoors in late      | Tulsi has antioxidant, antibacterial,     | Take 1ml to 1.34ml (30-40 drops) |
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| Basil tulsi /    | grows in partial shade too, at least four | spring or early summer,         | antiviral, immune-stimulating and         | in a little water 3 times a day  |
| Ocimum sanctum   | hours of sunlight a day is required.      | when the temperature range      | adaptogenic (stress removal) properties.  |                                  |
|                  | Watering: Water the plant when top one    | around 21°C                     | It supports body's natural defenses       |                                  |
|                  | inch of soil is dry.                      | For an earlier start in spring, | against germs, stress and disorders of    |                                  |
|                  | Tulsi Plant Care :                        | sow the seeds indoors in a      | various kinds                             |                                  |
|                  | It is important to pinch tops of Tulsi    | greenhouse or on a sunny        | Digestive plant                           |                                  |
|                  | plant when they are forming four or six   | windowsill.                     | Treat <b>Asthma</b> , bronchitis, colds,  |                                  |
|                  | pairs of leaves, this will make the plant | Place the tulsi seeds on top    | congestion, coughs, flu, sinusitis, sore  |                                  |
|                  | grow bushier. Even the flower buds need   | of the soil and tamp them for   | throat and similar ailments               |                                  |
|                  | to be removed when they appear. It        | good soil to seed contact,      | High blood pressure and high cholesterol  |                                  |
|                  | grows lusher and fuller when seed         | cover the seeds with 1/4-       | Headaches, earaches, and eye disorders    |                                  |
|                  | production is prevented.                  | inch layer of compost or        | Skin diseases and insect bites            |                                  |
|                  | It is also important to remove the faded, | soil. Water the seeds with      | Cramping, gastric disorders, indigestion, |                                  |
|                  | wilted or discolored leaves to encourage  | sprayer and place them          | intestinal parasites, mouth diseases,     |                                  |
|                  | the growth of new foliage. Regular        | where they receive part         | ulcers, and vomiting                      |                                  |
|                  | removal of old leaves and flower buds     | morning sun. Keep the soil      | Diabetes and blood sugar imbalances       |                                  |
|                  | keep the plant healthy.                   | constantly moist until the      | Joint pain and rheumatoid arthritis       |                                  |
|                  | Fertilizer                                | germination, which will take    | Kidney stones                             |                                  |
|                  | Apply balanced liquid fertilizer once in  | around 1-2 weeks.               | Malaria                                   |                                  |
|                  | every couple of weeks. Replacing top      |                                 | Cancer                                    |                                  |
|                  | two inch layer of soil with compost every |                                 | Protective of the liver, and more         |                                  |
|                  | year or in six months is also beneficial. |                                 | generally protective against certain      |                                  |
|                  |   |                                 | chemical toxins and radiation, but not    |                                  |
|                  |   |                                 | contraindicated by chemotherapy (so it's  |                                  |
|                  |   |                                 | safe to use while receiving chemo)        |                                  |
| Dumbank/Dumuaad/ | Burweed is a slender perennial herb       | Seed                            | They are used in the treatment of         |                                  |
| Burbark/Burweed/ | Moist or dry thickets, sometimes in thin  |                                 | venereal diseases, and for liver and      |                                  |
| Triumfetta       | forest, especially oak forest, often a    |                                 | kidney affections                         |                                  |
| Semitriloba      | weedy plant of waste places, common in    |                                 |   |                                  |
|                  | second growth; usually at low elevations  |                                 |   |                                  |
|                  | but extending to 1,800 metres             |                                 |   |                                  |
|                  | A plant of mainly lowland areas in the    |                                 |   |                                  |
|                  | tropics and subtropics, though it can be  |                                 |   |                                  |
|                  | found at elevations up to 3,000 metres    |                                 |   |                                  |
|                  | in the Equatorial tropics.                |                                 |   |                                  |
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|                   | Spread: 3.00 to 6.00 feet                  | Seed - Germination takes 15-      | Enhanced <b>night vision</b>                                    | Dose: 5-15 drops, as needed       |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Butterfly         | Bloom Time: Seasonal bloomer               | 20 days, seed often remains       | Prevention of cataracts   | 1 /                               |
| pea/Clitoria      | Bloom Description: Blue                    | hard-seeded for a long time       | Skin health- increased collagen and                             |                                   |
| ternetea          | Sun: Full sun                              | and requires scarification        | elasticity in cells   |                                   |
|                   | Water: <b>Medium</b>                       | prior to sowing.                  | Brain function and memory sharpness                             |                                   |
|                   | Maintenance: Medium                        | Mechanical abrasion, hot          | Stimulates hair growth  |                                   |
|                   | Flower: Showy                              | water or sulphuric acid can       | Reduces stress and depression                                   |                                   |
|                   | Perrenial                                  | be used to break this             | Antioxidant, anti-aging, antidepressant                         |                                   |
|                   | T°F: 60 °F                                 | dormancy.                         | The flowers are mixed with water in a                           |                                   |
|                   | It appreciates some light afternoon        |                                   | preparation used to treat eye problems.                         |                                   |
|                   | shade in hot climates                      |                                   | The powdered, ripe seeds are aperient                           |                                   |
|                   |  |                                   | and purgative   |                                   |
|                   |  |                                   | The roots are bitter, powerfully cathartic,                     |                                   |
|                   |  |                                   | diuretic and purgative  |                                   |
|                   |  |                                   | The rootbark is diuretic and laxative                           |                                   |
|                   |  |                                   | The plant is used in the treatment of                           |                                   |
|                   |  |                                   | snakebites  |                                   |
| Clary Sage/ Savia | Bieannial/perennial                        | Propagate by seed, in pots in     | Antispasmodic, appetizer, aromatic,                             | 15 drops in the morning and in    |
| Sclarea           | Soil: light (sandy), medium (loamy) and    | a cold frame in spring            | astringent, balsamic, carminative,                              | the night after eating a glass of |
| Sciarea           | heavy (clay) soils                         | Pruning Often dies after          | pectoral and tonic  | water during 25 days              |
|                   | Well-drained soil                          | flowering. Do not remove          | Used mainly to treat digestive problems                         |                                   |
|                   | Suitable pH: acid, neutral and basic       | flowers to allow self-seeding     | a tonic, calming herb that helps relieve                        |                                   |
|                   | (alkaline) soils                           |                                   | period pain and pre-menstrual                                   |                                   |
|                   | It cannot grow in the shade                |                                   | problems.   |                                   |
|                   | Dry or moist soil                          |                                   | Owing to its estrogen-stimulating action,                       |                                   |
|                   | Cultivators grow clary sage primarily for  |                                   | it is most effective when levels of this                        |                                   |
|                   | the flowers, which are dried or pressed    |                                   | hormone are low. It is useful in treating                       |                                   |
|                   | for various uses                           |                                   | disorders of the stomach and kidneys                            |                                   |
|                   |  |                                   | and is a valuable remedy for complaints                         |                                   |
|                   |  |                                   | associated with the <b>menopause</b> ,                          |                                   |
|                   | USDA hardiness zones: 10-11. Root          | <b>Propagation:</b> Cuttings or   | particularly hot flushing.  It is known to reduce inflammation, |                                   |
| Cuban Oregano/    | hardy to 9a. This plant dies to the ground | seed. It easily roots from        | though little else is known of its effects                      |                                   |
| Plectranthus      | in freezes and recovers from its roots in  | cuttings.                         | The antibacterial and antiseptic                                |                                   |
| amboinicus        | the spring.                                | Seed - sow in well-drained        | properties of the plant have been                               |                                   |
| <del></del>       | Heat tolerant: Yes.                        | soil, covering lightly with a     | attributed to the presence of a number                          |                                   |
|                   | Drought tolerant: Yes.                     | thin layer of sand, and place     | of compounds in the plant, including                            |                                   |
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recommended in high temperature regions.

Water after becoming established: Monthly to twice a week depending on temperature and sunlight. Soil: Very well drained, tolerant otherwise, pH 6.1-7.8 (slightly acidic to slightly alkaline). This plant can suffer from root rot in wet soil.

**Mulch:** Yes, to retain soil moisture and protect roots from temperature extremes.

**Planting:** Can be grown in pots, even indoors.

**Litter:** Low except it dies to the ground in freezes.

The seed germinates in about three weeks
Cuttings - very easy, shoots put in a pot of water will root quickly
Division

tannins and aromatic acids
The leaves have been found to have
bronchodilator activity and antimycobacterium tuberculosis activity
The plant has been shown to have
antimicrobial activity, and is reported to
have antiviral activity against
Herpes simplex virus-1, and anti-HIV
inhibition activity
The leaves are taken internally in the
treatment of a range of digestive
problems such as dyspepsia, indigestion,

diarrhea and wind An infusion or syrup made from the aromatic leaves is prescribed to treat coughs.

The leaves are also used to treat a wide range of other complaints including epilepsy, convulsions, meningitis, congestive heart failure, fevers, colds, bronchitis, asthma, cholera, menstrual pains, labour pains, delayed labour, postpartum pain and to aid expulsion of the afterbirth

This species is also reported to relieve kidney troubles, treat vaginal discharges and is drunk after childbirth

Applied externally, the leaves are used

to treat headaches, inflammations, skin allergies, wounds, burns, sores and ulcers

When **rubbed** on the skin, they will quickly bring relief **to bites and stings** whereas in India its leaves are **rubbed onto the eyes to alleviate conjunctivitis** The plant has cytotoxic and anti-tumour promoting activity and can be used in the **treatment of cancer** 

|                 | Perennial                             | Even with the best of care,            | Infusion:  | Infusion:   |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Cucaracha/Jew   | Indirect Sun/ bright                  | wandering Jew plants are               | Alleviate <b>menstrual pains</b> and irregularity  | ½ cup of water/1 spoon of                             |
| plant/          | 65 and 75 ° F                         | somewhat short-lived; within           | Use against inflammation of large  | leaves/ 2 or 3 times per day                          |
| Tradescantia    | Moderately moist potting soil         | a few years, they become               | intestine  | reaves, 2 or 3 times per day                          |
| zebrina         | Grows in all soils                    | leggy and scraggly.                    | Alleviate earache / headache   | Decoction:  |
| 20011110        | Getting the moisture levels right     | Fortunately, they are very             | External Use:  | 1 spoon and 2 cups of water let                       |
|                 | well-drained                          | easy to propagate from small           | itching directly on the skin   | boiled 5 minutes/ 2 cups / 2 or 3                     |
|                 | well-drained                          | stem cuttings.                         | Decoction:   | times per day   |
|                 |                                       | take a one-inch piece of stem          | Antihemorrhagic  | times per day   |
|                 |                                       | containing at least one leaf           | Increase maternal milk   |   |
|                 |                                       | and set it in fresh potting soil       | Facial neuralgia: decoction 2 cups every 8   |   |
|                 |                                       | and set it in fresh potting son        | hours  |   |
|                 | In full sun the leaves are harder and | Reproduce with seeds, there            | Infusion of the boiled leaves is taken   | Infusion: let the leaves in a cup                     |
| Culantro        | grow quicker, in shade produce leaves | are really small but have a            | three times daily to reduce cholesterol  | of water during 5 minutes and                         |
| coyote(Eryngium | wider and straight.                   | high level of germination              | use the leaves cooked in water which is  | drink later   |
| , , ,           | First harvest after 3 months          | Sow in <b>light soil</b> and different |  | urink later   |
| foetidum L)     | First narvest after 3 months          | rows and cover with a little           | administered orally to help control  | Desertion   |
|                 |                                       | bit of soil.                           | gastritis and anemia. It is also mixed with  | Decoction:  |
|                 |                                       |  | the herb <b>Kalanchoe pinnata</b> to treat <b>heart conditions</b> . An infusion of the root | To treat fever, add together the leaves and the roots |
|                 |                                       | Transplant later to a distance         | and leaves is also used to calm the nerves   | leaves and the roots                                  |
|                 |                                       | of 20 cm each plant                    |  |   |
|                 |                                       |  | <b>Decoction</b> is used to <b>treat diarrhea</b> ; the                                      |   |
|                 |                                       |  | leaves are also crushed and inserted as  |   |
|                 |                                       |  | earplugs for earache, while the boiled   |   |
|                 |                                       |  | root is given to treat obesity, a  |   |
|                 |                                       |  | <b>decoction</b> of the root is taken for  |   |
|                 |                                       |  | stomachache, and a poultice of the   |   |
|                 | Sun or semi-shade                     | Carrifornia Namela ta Irra             | leaves is applied for <b>headache</b> Source of <b>vitamin A</b>                             | December of leaves and marks in 4                     |
| Dandelion/      |                                       | Sow from March to June                 |  | Decoction of leaves and roots in 1                    |
| Taraxacum       | In soil rich in humus                 | Prick out after 45 days                | Clean the <b>liver</b> , help to stimulate the <b>bile</b>                                   | L, let boiled during 20 min and let                   |
| officinal       | pH: Neutral                           | Let the flowers blossom and            | flow   | infuse 4 hours  |
| Official        | Humidity: Cool to normal              | collect the seeds end of may           | Digestive troubles   | Keep 1 week max                                       |
|                 | 20 – 30 cm between the rows           |  | Tonic  | The German Commission E                               |
|                 | 15 cm between the plants              |  | Depurative   | Monographs recommends 3 to 4                          |
|                 | Mulch                                 |  | Diuretic   | g of the root or 10 to 15 drops of                    |
|                 | Can let 2 years in the same place     |  | Clean the toxins in the body   | root tincture twice a day, or 4 to                    |
|                 | Taproot don't like rocs               |  |  | 10 g of the leaves or 2 to 5 mL of                    |
|                 |                                       |  |  | leaf tincture 3 times a day.                          |

|                             |  |   |   | Fresh leaves: 4–10 grams, daily. Dried leaves: 4–10 grams, daily. Leaf tincture: 0.4–1 teaspoon (2–5 ml), three times a day. Fresh leaf juice: 1 teaspoon (5 ml), twice daily. Fluid extract: 1–2 teaspoon (5–10 ml), daily. Fresh roots: 2–8 grams, daily. Dried powder: 250–1,000 mg, four times a day.   |
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| Dormilona/<br>Mimosa Pudica | perennial in nature /nutrient poor soil Soil: Well-draining loamy soil, Slightly acid Container: Medium sized pot with drainage Light: Bright light, some direct sunlight Temperature: (16-30 °C) Humidity: High Watering: Consistently moist but not soggy Fertilizing: Diluted high-potassium liquid fertilizer every two weeks 4 plants per meter square Mimosa pudica can change the physico-chemical properties of the soil it invades. For example, the total N and K increased in significantly invaded areas | Sow or cutting  Mimosa pudica is a plant that needs plenty of sunlight and very little care. Get the seeds and plant them in a small plastic container containing soil and water daily till the seeds sprout. Once they have sprouted, you can transfer to a big pot and keep it under direct sunlight. It will grow in abundance very soon | Mimosa Pudica is used for Wound Healing Activity, Anti Venom Activity, Anti-Depressant, Anti-Anxiety and Memory Enhancing Properties, for Piles, Ulcers, Diarrhea, is an Anti- Inflammatory, Anti Diabetic Activity Liver Protecting & Anthelmintic Activity Anti-Microbial, Anti-Fungal & Anti-Viral, Anti-Mumps Activity, Anti-Convulsant Properties, Hypolipidemic Properties, Uterine Prolapse, Aphrodisiac Properties Dormilona also works for urinary tract infections and is used for epilepsy. The root is also used for treating menstrual problems and also toothache. Toe infections can be treated by washing the legs with touch me not plant leaf decoction. It is also used for treating piles, dysentery and intestinal worms. The leaves of touch me not plant, either in the form of decoction or as a paste is used for treating hemorrhoids, wounds, fistula, pink eye, toe infections, depression, insomnia and hydrocele. | The general suggested dosage is  15 to 20 ml of the fresh juice. If you are consuming leaf decoction, the general suggested dosage is 50 to 75 ml. We also get mimosa pudica tincture and tablets. The general dosage for mimosa pudica tincture is around 1 to 3 ml per day and the daily suggested dosage for mimosa pudica capsules are 1 to 2 capsules per day. |

|  |  |   | The whole plant is used for treating rheumatism, cancer, edema, depression, muscle pain and elephantiasis.  |
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| Dragon<br>blood/Croto Draco                | Suitable for: light (sandy), medium (loamy) and heavy (clay) soils and prefers well-drained soil.  Suitable pH: acid, neutral and basic (alkaline) soils.  It cannot grow in the shade. It prefers moist soil. The plant can tolerate strong winds but not maritime exposure.  |   | Antidiarrheal This may be due to its antimicrobial properties which can kill pathogens that cause these conditions. Antidiabetic Though research isn't complete, there are signs dragon's blood could support diabetes treatment or prevention. Anticancer Research related to dragon's blood and cancer is in its early stages. In the study it was only one ingredient in an herbal ointment full of other ingredients, though. |
| Fenugreek/<br>Trigonella<br>foenum-graecum | Soil :clay-limestone, good drainage pH= 5 - 8 T°C: lukewarm Big taproot Depth: 2-3 cm Distance: 25 cm Bring compost Humidity: Medium, (have to control) Harvest: 30 - 40 days after seeded (young leaves) - 4 months after blossoming harvest the seeds - symbiosis with the bacteria: extracting the nitrogen from the air to the roots and bring proteins (green fertilizer) | Germ: 2-7 days Directly in the soil (don't like to be transplant) Separation of the roots possible with young seedlings | Reduce the bad cholesterol /boost the production of insulin Control the blood glucose level in the blood Reduce the adipose tissues and help to lose weight Relieve the inflammation Tonic nutritive/digestive Alleviate the cough/bronchitis/excess of mucus respiratory tract Anticoagulant Reduce the risk of the colon cancer Increase libido (diosgenin)   |
| Goji Salvaje/<br>Lycium barbarum           | Place in <b>full sun</b><br>Keep the plant moist well- drained   | Don't prune a Goji berry plant in the first year  | Regulate the immun system Prevent cardiovascular diseases   |

|                                      | Give the plant about an inch or two of water every week  Do not apply any nitrogen and they really don't need any fertilizer pH: 6.8 and 8.1  If your pH is low, just add some oyster shell flour  Plant each Goji berry plant at least 2 feet apart | In year 2, choose a main shoot and prune all others below it about 15" from the ground When the plant reaches 2 feet tall in the summer, pinch out the growing tips to cause side branching where the fruit will be born After your main structure is established, just prune back to the height you want to keep it Always remove branches within 15" of the ground Prune any unproductive branches Thin out branches after the berry season | Anti-inflammatory Protection hepatic Antitumor protection Regulate blood sugar Régulate blood pressure Antioxydant Prevent eyes deseases  |  |
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| Gotu Kola/<br>Centella Asiatica      | Perennial plant  Ensure the soil never dries out  Otherwise, no Gotu kola care is necessary; just stand back and watch them grow.  Can grow in containers, could be invasive   | Split the roots it's the easiest way Can be sowed, germination could take 90 days after Keep moist  | Prevent neuro degenerative diseases (Alzheimer or Parkinson) Improve cognitive functions, memory Decrease inflammation/blood pressure Treatment for respiratory ailments and a variety of other condition, including fatigue, arthritis, memory, stomach problems, asthma and fever   | 1 to 3 times a day 6 to 30 drops in a glass of water   |
| Guarumo<br>(Cecropia<br>obtusifolia) | Its presence in disturbed areas, and is typical of regenerating forest, or in gap openings in primary forest The trees provide a habitat for various species of mealybugs that provide the ants with sugars, vitamins and amino acids,               |   | infusion made from one leaf in a liter of water is also used to cleanse the uterus. The leaves of guarumo and pineapple are boiled in water and consumed to help with weight loss. This plant is also used for treating high blood pressure, diabetes, and as a sedative, and is recommended for the prostate. A small leaf in an infusion can be taken for kidney infections. It has | The aqueous and ethanolic extracts of the leaves and bark of Cecropia obtusifolia and C. peltata in a 500 ppm dose were notably toxic to fish of the Mollinesia genus within 24 hours. The infusion of the bark, at a dosage of 1–5 g/kg, did not cause acute toxicity in mice |

| Guayaba (Psidum<br>guajava L) | Hot and humid climates, but it does not withstand cold temperatures very well. It does well in many different types of soil making it overall easy to grow. Due to its hardiness and young fruiting age I would recommend it to anyone that wants to grow a fruit tree in a container.  | There are easily 100 seeds in one guava, which is why this tree can be seen growing wild in many places Guavas are easily grown from the seeds, that can remain viable for a couple months. Seed grown trees will start fruiting at only 2 to 4 years old root cuttings, air layering, semi-hardwood cuttings, and grafting.  | been used to treat pneumonia, internal infections, and as a gargle for sore throat. The leaves are boiled and inflammations are bathed with the infusion, or applied to the head in the case of fever  The high presence of tannins give to Guava antidiarrheal properties, also have demonstrated pharmacological activity as antibacterial, antioxidant, antispasmodic, anti-inflammatory, anti-anemic, hemostatic and sedative. It is indicated in cases of dyspepsia, edema, swelling, dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, nervousness, HIV, skin conditions.  Alleviate the intestinal infections, digestive infection, colitis  Guava is a fruit prized for their nutritional value and high in various vitamins. It antiscorbutic because they are high in vitamin C. In naturally has many nutritional and preventative properties in diseases like anemia. | Tincture: 1 - 3 ml daily Infusion (herbal tea): 1 - 2 cups daily genotoxicity experiments were between 0.82 and 13.32 mg/ml.  The fundamental action of guava leaves is as antidiarrheal and which preparation is carried out as follows: Decoction: boil for 3 minutes 10 to 20 g of fresh leaves in a quart of water. Ingest 120 mL, 6 times a day. The preparation of the decoction should be daily. Antibiotic properties are attributed to the decoction or infusion of guava leaves. |
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| Hibiscus<br>Sabdariffa        | Water the soil when it becomes dry to the touch. To reiterate, water only enough to make the soil moist, not wet.  Need of compost; low phosphorus, moderate nitrogen, and high potassium. Fertilize every two to three weeks. If the leaves are turning brown at the tips, that is a sign they are getting too much nitrogen. That is a warning sign of stress, but don't panic, just prune the bad leaves and adjust your fertilizer frequency. | Be sure to nick the bottom of the seed, the flat part, before planting. If there is no seed meat, it will not grow. If you do not live in a climate that has reasonably predictable spring weather or weather that is too wet, it is best to plant hibiscus seeds in early spring in trays. Seeds will typically germinate between ten days to three weeks after planting. After planting the | Hypo- lipidemic effects Blood pressure lowering effect Anti-diabetic activity Anti helmentic and anti-microbial effects Anti-oxidant effect Extracts from Roselle plays a crucial role in treating different medical problems including many cardiovascular disorders and cancer Obesity is a growing problem, affecting not only adults but also children. The effectiveness of Roselle extract for metabolic disorders like type II diabetes should be examined further, as previous   | First, collect the hibiscus fruits and wash them clean, and air dry or dry them in an oven at 70 degree C for 3 days.  Peel off the calyx and store them in air-tight containers. To make tea, simply take 2grams of the dried calyx, and crash them into small pieces using a wooden roller  Put them in a tea bag or a net, bring out your favorite mug, add 8 oz of boiling water, steep it for 2-4minutes, add sugar if desired,   |

|                                     |   | seeds, keep them lightly watered, enough to keep the soil moist but not wet.  | clinical studies have shown encouraging effects on hyperlipidemia and hypertension, conditions strongly correlated with type II diabetes or metabolic syndrome.4  | or add other flavors of your choice such as few drops of lemon juice You can also refrigerate it and make hibiscus iced tea.   |
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| Hierba Buena/<br>Mentha spicata L   | Mints are vigorous perennials that thrive in light soil with good drainage Ideally, they prefer a moist but well-drained site, something like their native habitat along stream banks Most will tolerate some shade, and the variegated types may require some protection from direct sun. For growing outdoors, plant about 2 feet apart in moist soil. One or two plants will easily cover the ground. Mint should grow to be 1 or 2 feet tall. Organic fertilizer every few months | Cutting with the roots (10 cm) Plant them in a furrow each 30 cm, the soil needs a lot of organic material and be light Provide physical barriers such as walls, walkways, or containers to control the growth. | Ease Digestive  Peppermint relieve digestive symptoms, such as gas, bloating and indigestion  Help Relieve Tension Headaches and Migraines  relieve cogged sinuses improve energy help relieve menstrual cramps fight bacterial infections improve your sleep | Drink ¼ L boiled with one spoon of leaves, cover and let 5 minutes. Drink later (inf 1) The leave in decoction or infusion is used against diarrhea, stomachache, flatulence, cold flu (decoction or inf 1) Against vomit, use the leaves in decoction or infusion in mixing with salt (decoction or inf 2) Against menstrual pains, and when urinate. (inf 2) Against headache, use a cataplasm with the leaves on the head (decoction) Fight the intestinal parasites, use 5 buds of the plant in a bottle of water and take a cup every 2 hours (inf 3) |
| Hombre Grande<br>(Quassia amara L.) | An understored plant in rainforests and humid sites It is hardy to zone (UK) 10 and is frost tender. The flowers are pollinated by Hummingbirds. Suitable for: medium (loamy) and heavy (clay) soils. Suitable pH: acid, neutral and basic (alkaline) soils. It can grow in semi-shade (light woodland) or no shade. It prefers moist soil  | Sow; Fruits black, 1.5 cm oblong, each with one seed.  Propagation can be through seeds and cuttings.   | Quassia amara is a traditionally used medicinal plant, known for its bitter properties and its qualities as a <b>tonic</b> by indigenous populations Break the trunk into 30–60 cm pieces, being used for fevers, and an infusion of the grated               | An infusion of the macerated wood is used as a bitter tonic in Costa Rica to stimulate the appetite and to treat diarrhea. It is considered to be effective in treating fever, and liver and kidney stones, as well as in treating weakness of the digestive system an infusion of the wood is used as a febrifuge, for the liver and for snake bites  |

| Horsetail/<br>Equisetum<br>bogotense | Succeeds in warm temperate The plant occasionally invades abandoned cultivated fields in its native range Water well/keep wet Dig a big hole to plant them to control the rhizomes (big roots) or it could be an invasive plant. You can create a swampy place for them with a tarp you put in the bottom. Can cut the dead stems | You can easily spilt them with the roots during the spring   | The entire plant is diuretic It is reputedly good for treating liver and kidney infection, colic, inflammations, and rheumatism; and is also used as a vaginal wash. It is made into a tea for treating waist-area ache Purifiy the blood Cure bladder/kidneys/liver diseases Stimulate the organism   | Infusion: 1 or 2 spoons of dried leaves. Let 10 minutes 1 to 2 times per day   |
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| Juanilama (Lipia<br>Alba)            | Perennial, easy to grow and easy to propagate It doesn't seem too picky on soil types. We've even had success planting it in harsh clay soil. Juanilama will survive in full sun, but it seems to do better with partial shade. It will also root in water and thrives in aquaponics systems.                                     | Sow or very easy to clone from cuttings. Cut one 30cm branch off and stick it in some soft soil in a pot or bag and water it every few days. When it starts growing, transplant it into a location with a little shade | Used for the intestinal troubles: stomach aches, colic and high cholesterol.  It is used to help with high cholesterol due to the fact that the plant helps eliminate fat from the body.  Juanilama is used as a muscle relaxant, to fight intestinal muscle spasms, to assist with migraines and in the treatment of colitis and ulcers.  It even helps with coughs.  Treat rheumatism especially when made into an alcohol tincture. | Infusion: For cold flu, use 20 fresh leaves in boiled water, let rest during 5 to 10 minutes. 1 cup 3 times a day.  Extract of alcohol: Put a spoon of leaves in a cup of alcohol during 24 hours. |
| Milk thistle/<br>Sylibum<br>Marianum | Sun and sheltered place Plant in a soil cool and rich nitrogen but can grow in dry and poor soil Biennial plant Rusticity: -15°C Plant at the end of the winter until the beginning of may Don't need any special care Don't like soil to much wet  | Sow during the spring 50 cm between them Use the seeds when they are ripes (6 – 8 mm) at the end of the summer Dry the flower to collect the seeds   | Use flowers or roots Action on the liver: treat cirrhosis/ hepatoprotective/effect against gallstones Can rebuild a part of the liver/depurative Heavy menstrual period Help to the cellular reconstruction Reduce Inflammation Prevents Chronic Disease and cancer Antispasmodic Antidepressant   | 30-40 drops, 3 times per day on an empty stomach   |
| Jurema /(Mimosa<br>Teuniflora)       | Perennial tree/shrub,   | easy to propagate, specially from seed Improve germination three   | The properties of Mimosa tenuiflora bark, commonly called the "skin tree" Mimosa tenuiflora is known for its ability   | The body of publications and scientific studies, customary usages of this active and our   |

|                          | Traditional apical pruning (topping) can be applied to promote bushier growth. In its natural environment, black and red jurema trees show variable sizes but easily reach 6-8m high Mimosa species have higher mortality when cut in the wet, rainy season especially in the case of coppicing Of all the common tree pruning methods, crown thinning. | to six-fold by mimicking the effects of a forest fire. Seeds lie dormant for years waiting for a forest fire event. Germination is only 15% without scarification, OR, over 90% with seed scarification. So always do the following Place seeds in a jar with wood smoke for four hours, then pour boiling water on the seeds for ten minutes (you can skip the smoke, but not the heat treatment). Plant in rich, warm soil with a bit of wood ash, keep humidity dome if needed), and water daily. Once sprouted, remove the humidity dome to prevent damping off and mold issues; keep air moving.  Afternoon shade or filtered light is best. A tall trellis or scorched trees may need for support, but can be pruned into many shapes. | to restore the damaged epidermis in a spectacular manner. It has properties that regenerate epidermal tissue The use of mimosa tenuiflora dry bark extract has demonstrated its effectiveness on cicatrization At 5%, it is effective in treating venous leg ulcers Indeed, topical application of this extract for 8 weeks brings about a 92% reduction in the size of the wound. In modern times the bark became well-known as a potent ayahuasca analogue. To prepare the potion, for one dosage about 10 g of the bark of the root is cooked with a beta-carboline-containing plant like Peganum harmala or Banisteria caapi, and taken. | expert's opinion concur in using Mimosa tenuiflora pure Active at the dose of 75 mg per bottle. |
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| Mulberry/ Morus<br>Nigra | Soil – ordinary, well drained Climate – rather warm Exposure – full sun Plant mulberry trees in spring in full to part sun location on well drained,  | Mulberries are easy to grow Fertilize in spring with compost and mulch to keep the soil evenly moist The seed germinates best if   | Body Detox Pain Relief Cancer Prevention Weight Loss Diabetes  | A dose of 1 g of powdered leaf 3 times  |
|                          | compost amended soil. They're forgiving of poor soil conditions. Space large trees at least 30 feet apart and smaller trees 10 to 15 fee Mulberries are mostly hardy  | given 2 - 3 months cold<br>stratification. Sow the seed<br>as soon as it is ripe if<br>possible, otherwise in  | Hypertension and Cholesterol Heart Health Better Immunity  |   |

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|           | in USDA zones 5 to 9.                             | February in a cold frame. The     |  |                                  |
|           | Plant large mulberry trees in a meadow            | seed usually germinates in        | Control blood pressure and blood sugar |                                  |
|           | or yard away from the house or areas              | the first spring, though it       | level                                  |                                  |
|           | where the fruits may stain. Dwarf and             | sometimes takes another 12        | Improve vascular health                |                                  |
|           | weeping varieties can be planted in a             | months. Prick out the             | Regulate digestive system              |                                  |
|           | mixed shrub or tree border or in a                | seedlings into individual pots    |  |                                  |
|           | perennial garden as a specimen shrub or           | when they are large enough        |  |                                  |
|           | small tree  | to handle and grow them on        |  |                                  |
|           |   | in the cold frame for their       |  |                                  |
|           |   | first winter. Plant them out      |  |                                  |
|           |   | in late spring or early           |  |                                  |
|           |   | summer after the last             |  |                                  |
|           |   | expected frosts.                  |  |                                  |
|           |   | Cuttings of half-ripe wood, 7     |  |                                  |
|           |   | - 10cm with a heel,               |  |                                  |
|           |   | July/August in a frame. Plant     |  |                                  |
|           |   | out in spring. A good             |  |                                  |
|           |   | percentage take, though           |  |                                  |
|           |   | they sometimes fail to thrive.    |  |                                  |
|           |   | Cuttings of mature wood of        |  |                                  |
|           |   | the current season's growth,      |  |                                  |
|           |   | <b>25 - 30cm</b> with a heel of 2 |  |                                  |
|           |   | years old wood, autumn or         |  |                                  |
|           |   | early spring in a cold frame      |  |                                  |
|           |   | or a shady bed outside.           |  |                                  |
| Mullein/  | T°C – 24  | By seed                           | Mullein leaf is an excellent lower     | 1.5 ml (30 drops), 3 times daily |
| Verbascum | Sun or semi-shade                                 | Seed really small, have to        | respiratory remedy, expectorant and    |                                  |
| Thapsus   | Soil <b>slightly acid</b> or <b>very alkaline</b> | harvest a day without wind        | lung tonic.                            |                                  |
|           | Well drained                                      | Seed need light, seeding          | It is anti-inflammatory and soothes    |                                  |
|           | Humidity normal to dry                            | them in the surface of the        | throat irritation.                     |                                  |
|           | Biennial plant                                    | soil without bury them            | Mullein tincture can be used to reduce |                                  |
|           | plant in soil, strong roots                       | Germinate in 2 weeks              | bronchial congestion, to ease chronic  |                                  |
|           | Group of 3 plants 25 cm between each              | Don't like to be transplanted     | dry and mucus producing coughs as      |                                  |
|           | Bring compost                                     | Collect the seed after            | well as bronchitis and sore throat     |                                  |
|           | Honey plant                                       | flowering                         | Providing vitamins B2, B5, B12, and D  |                                  |
|           |   |                                   | Extern Use:                            |                                  |
|           |   |                                   | -soothe itching with a decoction       |                                  |

|   |   |   | -heal the wounds/otitis/hemorrhoids   |   |
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| Pineapple<br>Sage/Salvia<br>Elegans         | Full sun > 6h direct sun Low – Average water needs Soil well drained Good Humus pH: No importance Not demanding just weeding well the first year to avoid the competition and drought Endure until -7°C Harvest the leaves according to your needs  | Seed/ Graft/ Splitting the roots Can be sowed directly in the soil at the end of spring Can split the roots during spring The graft could be done during the summer | Can use leaves and flowers Digestive: boost stomach and liver functions Hormonal stimulant: recurrence of the periods/ menopause (hot flashes)/ relieve menstrual pains Treat anxiety/depression/physical fatigue Excessive sweating Anti-inflammatory                                  | Use infusion 100 to 250 ml Fresh leaves: 3 -5 g Died leaves: 1 - 3g Fresh flowers: 2 - 5g Dried flowers: 1 - 3g Adults; Take 1ml (30 drops) in a little water 2 to 4 times a day Nighttime hot flashes: Take one hour before bedtime. Sore throat, canker sores: Put 1.5ml (45 drops) in about 50ml of water, gargle and swallow the last sip (adult) |
| Ribwort plantain/<br>Plantago<br>Lanceolata | Sun or semi-shade Neutral soil or slightly acid Endure until -20°C Unpack the soil on 20 cm before to plant and 50 cm between the rows 6 – 9 plants by square meters Little watering Don't need to fertilize just once a year with compost Don't need mulch or just to limit the weeds Could be invasive, have to control the flowers before disperse the seeds | Can use seeds or divide the roots   | Use for respiratory diseases: Treat inflammations of the respiratory tract Diuretic Reduce infection in large bowel Hepatic diseases Treat wounds, irritation, itching Harvest young leaves and dry them for infusion   | Infusion: 1,5 g in 150 mL of hot water during 10 at 15 minutes. Drink 2 cups at 4 per day. Tinctures: 7 ml 2 at 4 times a day   |
| Rue/Ruta<br>graveolens                      | Ruta graveolens is an evergreen Shrub Suitable for: light (sandy), medium (loamy) and heavy (clay) soils, prefers well-drained soil and can grow in nutritionally poor soil. Suitable pH: acid, neutral and basic (alkaline) soils. It can grow in semi-shade (light woodland) or no shade. It prefers dry or moist soil and can tolerate                       |   | Herb: Stimulating, antispasmodic, stomachic, irritant, abortifacient; used as an emmenogogue and for the treatment of cough, colic and flatulence.  Leaf: Used in amenorrhea, menorrhea, and colic; used externally for sciatica, headache, muscular chest pain, bronchitis, arthritis. | There is no recent clinical evidence to support dosing recommendations for rue.  Traditional use calls for 0.5 to 1 g of the herb daily or 65 mg of the essential oil. In larger doses, rue is an emmenagogue, an aphrodisiac, and an abortifacient,  |

|                | drought Rue herb does well in a variety            |                               | Oil: Antispasmodic, anti-epileptic,             | and should be considered          |
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|                | of soil but does best in <b>well drained soil.</b> |                               | emmenogogue, rubifacient.                       | dangerous.                        |
|                | In fact, it will do well in the rocky, dry         |                               | Rue extract is potentially useful as a          |                                   |
|                | soil that many other plants have a                 |                               | potassium channel blocker. It has been          |                                   |
|                | difficult time surviving. It <b>needs full sun</b> |                               | used to treat many neuromuscular                |                                   |
|                | to grow well. It is drought tolerant and           |                               | problems and to stimulate the onset of          |                                   |
|                | rarely, if ever needs to be watered.               |                               | menstruation. Because rue has an                |                                   |
|                | Care should be taken when handling rue             |                               | antispasmodic effect at relatively low          |                                   |
|                | plants   |                               | doses, it should be taken with caution.         |                                   |
|                |  |                               | However, considering rue's potential for        |                                   |
|                |  |                               | severe adverse effects, clinical trials are     |                                   |
|                |  |                               | limited.  |                                   |
|                | Grow in wild bushy zone                            | Sow and transplant when       | Decongestion of the respiratory tracts          | Infusion:                         |
| Salvia Virgen  | 1000 – 1500 m of altitude                          | the plant is 30 cm of high    | (infusion)                                      | cup of hot water with 1 or 2      |
| (Buddleia      | Soil well drained and moisty                       |                               | Alleviate infection gastrointestinal            | spoons of leaves                  |
| americana)     |  |                               | Fight skin inflammation, allergies of the       | 3 cups of 8 ounces                |
|                |  |                               | skin, ulcer if take in infusion.                | Poutice:                          |
|                |  |                               |   | of the infusion on the wound      |
|                |  |                               |   | directly                          |
| Sauco/(Samucus | is commonly called Mexican                         | Blue elderberry grows best    | Elderberry is a <b>febrifuge</b> , diuretic and | Elderberry flowers contain        |
|                | elderberry. Blue Elderberry will grow in           | from seed                     | <b>expectorant</b> . The flowers have been used | flavenoids and rutin, which are   |
| mexicana)      | USDA Zones 6-10 and is native to                   | Elderberry fruits are         | as an emergency medicine for treating           | known to improve immune           |
|                | California. It prefers canyon habitat in           | collected when ripe and       | fevers, colds, coughs, bronchitis,              | function, particularly in         |
|                | sunny, well-drained locations at                   | spread in thin layers to dry. | measles, mumps and flu.                         | combination with vitamin C. The   |
|                | elevations of up to 9000 feet                      | To separate seeds from fruits | An infusion of the leaves as a hair wash is     | flowers also contain tannins,     |
|                |  | either                        | said to help increase hair growth.              | which account for its traditional |
|                | Habitat according to altitude:                     | 1) run fruit through a        | A decoction of the leaves, bark or root is      | use to reduce bleeding, diarrhea, |
|                | Low altitude, interior valleys                     | macerator with water, the     | used as a wash for <b>external skin</b>         | and congestion. The flowers are   |
|                | Coastal mountains, 500 - 2000 m.                   | pulp and empty seeds float;   | problems.                                       | the mildest part of the plant and |
|                | Coastal areas, 0 - 500 m                           | 2) crush, dry and use without | Preparation:                                    | when prepared as a tea, are used  |
|                |  | separating fruits and seeds;  | The flowers can be used fresh or                | to break dry fevers and stimulate |
|                | Watering conditions:                               | and                           | collected in the blooming season, then          | perspiration, aid headache,       |
|                | The plant grows in water or it has its             | 3) small amounts of fruit can | dried and stored for future use. Use one        | indigestion, twitching eyes,      |
|                | roots within a permanent water course.             | be cleaned in a fruit blender | handful of fresh flowers or 1-2                 | dropsy, rheumatism, appendix      |
|                | This corresponds to marshes, bogs,                 | Elderberry seeds can be       | tablespoons of dried flowers steeped in         | inflammation, bladder or kidney   |
|                | water courses, lake and river shores.              | sown in the fall soon after   | one liter of boiled water. Take 1-3 cups        | infections, colds, influenza,     |
|                |  | collection, or stratified and | per day.  | consumption (bleeding in lungs    |
|                | Light conditions:                                  | sown in the spring. In either |   | The leaves, which are stronger,   |

|  | Some shadow. Some protection against direct sunlight, some shadow from vegetation, filtering about 20 - 40 % of light.  In shadow. Steep slopes facing south or a vegetation cover which filters 40 - 80 % of light. | case, germination is often not complete until the second spring  Simply take woody stem cuttings approximately 30 centimeters long from mature bushes, and plant them 15 cm deep in plastic nursery bags with prepared potting soil.  Keep the cuttings watered and in a shady place until well established. Slowly bring them into full light conditions and plant them in permanent sites around the border of the garden, since they grow into large bushes. Many campesinos simply plant the stem cuttings directly in the soil in their permanent sites; however, the previously mentioned method guarantees a better | A handful of the leaves, roots and bark can be boiled in one liter of water for treating skin conditions.  Although the flowers and berries are safe to use, the roots and bark are said to be slightly toxic and are not recommended for internal use. | have a slightly laxative property. Applied externally, leaves, flowers, bark and twigs are excellent as a poultice, mixed equally with chamomile, for soreness, inflammations, joint stiffness, and to reduce the swelling of bee stings. The flowers and berries, employed as a diuretic, can aid arthritis and rheumatism. Steeped in water, the flowers are used externally to aid in complexion beauty, tone and soften the skin, and lighten freckles or spots. The berry juice made into salve aids burns and scalds. The juice taken internally will act as a purgative. |
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| St John's Wort/                              | pH: no importance  | method guarantees a better success rate of cuttings that actually grow.  Seed really long to germinate   | Help to moderate depression   | Tinctures :20 – 30 drops 3 times a  |
| Hypericum<br>perforatum<br>Family: clusiacea | good drainage Sun or semi-shade Rusticity (-22 °C _ 17 °C) Distance: 40 cm Grow even in poor soil Bring a little bit of compost during the summer  | (an average of 40 at 50 % of<br>the seeds in great conditions<br>will germ)<br>Delicate to transplant,<br>humidify the soil before   | Help against insomnia Treat psychosomatic troubles Reduce the stress Sedative Anti-inflammatory Digestive Tissue regenerative properties  | day (depends of the product you have) Infusion: 2 – 3 spoons of dry plants in 150 ml of water/3 times a day or 15 to 30 g for 1 L/day   |
|  |  |  |   | a day of 13 to  |

|                                     | Harvest: the buds full of active components  |   |   |  |
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| White horehound / Marrubium vulgare | Soil: poor, dry and well-drained lightened Sun Plantation: au printemps Density: 6/8 au m2 Light watering T°C: -20°C. 40 cm between 2 plants or 20 minimum.              | Sow Can keep the seeds during 3 years Plant during spring Could cut twice the leaves to densify the foliage Cut dry flowers to avoid the auto-seeding   | Digestive Cleansing effect, boost liver functions Expectorant Regulate cardiac rhythm Regulate menstrual period   | 30 à 90 drops 4 times a day Infusion: 15 et 30 g dry plants per L One cup before to eat to a digestive or cleansing effect 3 to 5 cups for an expectorant effect |
| White Sage/ Salvia<br>Apiana        | Perennial Sun Rusticity: - 16°C Density: 3 plants per meter square 50 cm between each plant Soil: Dry, poor and well drained pH: acid to neutral Prefer sheltered places | Seed – sow: March/April in a greenhouse Germination usually takes place within 2 weeks (don't germinate in the same time) Prick out the seedlings into individual pots when they are large enough to handle and plant them out in early summer. In areas where the plant is towards the limits of its hardiness, it is best to grow the plants on in a greenhouse for their first winter and plant them out in late spring of the following year. Cuttings of half-ripe wood succeed at almost any time in the growing season | An infusion of the leaves is used as a blood tonic and as a treatment for coughs and colds.  The leaves can be eaten, or used as a sweat bath, in the treatment of colds.  Soothe menstrual pains Antibacterial |  |

| Varrau / Aabillaa | Soil Well-drained, dry and limestone | Split or sow may to june in | Loss of appetite       | Infusion: 1 – 2 g dry plants in 150 |
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| Yarrow / Achillea | soil                                 | soil directly               | Digestive trouble      | mL of hot water 3 times a day       |
| Millefolium       | pH: neutral to alkaline              | Germination: 70 % (16 to    | Menstrual period pains | Tincture: 5 mL 3 times a day        |
|                   | Humidity: well-drained               | 23°C), 8 to 12 days         | hemostatic             | Tincture of dried leaves 100g for   |
|                   | 4 to 6 plants per meter square       | Transplant 8 to 12 weeks    |                        | <b>500 mL</b> of alcohol (10 to 40  |
|                   | 20 – 30 cm between the plants        |                             |                        | drops)                              |