

Ethnomedical Information on Picao preto (*Bidens pilosa*)

Plant Part / Location	Documented Ethnic Use	Type Extract / Route	Used For	Ref #
Leaf Africa, East	Used as an anthelmintic	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	K04594
Root Africa, East	Used against malaria.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	K04594
Flowers Africa, South	Used for diarrhoea.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	L16048
Leaf + Root Africa, South	Used as an enema for stomach pains.	Infusion Enema	Human Adult	L16048
Leaf Argentina	Used as an abortifacient with <i>Petroselinum crispum</i> and <i>Viola odorata</i> .	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female	T03717
Leaf Bahamas	Mixed with olive oil and applied to sores and lacerations.	Poultice External	Human Adult	ZZ1045
Leaf Bimini	Used for intestinal parasites and infections, especially intestinal worms.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T00359
Aerial Parts Brazil	Used for diabetes. Used in hepatitis and as a vermifuge.	ETOH Ext Hot H2O Ext Oral	Not Stated Human Adult	K24859
Entire Plant Brazil	Used for malaria and diabetes. Used as a diuretic and as an anti-inflammatory.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	L15922
Entire Plant Brazil	Used as a vulnerary. Used for its hypoglycemic action and for hepatic disease.	Decoction External Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	M28328
Entire Plant Brazil	Used for obstructions of the liver, hepatitis, jaundice, fever, affections of the throat and coughs.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1096
Entire Plant Brazil	Used as an antidiabetic, vulnerary, antibiotic and vermifuge; used for hepatitis, jaundice and hemorrhoids. In diabetes it decreases glucose in the blood and activates the pancreas to release insulin. In liver affections it decreases bilirubin. Used for tonsillitis and inflammation of the pharynx. Used for wounds, ulcers, hemorrhoids, diaper rash and insect bites.	Infusion Oral Infusion Gargle Compress External	Human Adult	ZZ1076
Entire Plant Brazil	Used for liver problems such as jaundice and hepatitis. Used for urinary problems, diabetes and dysentery. Said to be a diuretic, depurgative, vulnerary and antiseptic. Used for fungal infections, as a vulnerary and antiseptic.	Infusion Oral Not Stated External	Human Adult	ZZ1092

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Leaf Brazil	Used for hepatitis, jaundice and wounds. Used for rheumatism and gonorrhoea.	Infusion External Poultice External Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1096
Leaf Brazil	Used for liver obstructions, hepatitis, jaundice, leucorrhoea, diabetes, worms, and dysentery. Used for wounds and ulcers. Used for tonsillitis and inflammation of the pharynx.	Infusion Oral Decoction External Decoction Gargle	Human Adult	ZZ1072
Leaf Brazil	Used for wounds and jaundice. Used for leucorrhoea, diabetes, inflammation of the throat and obstruction of the liver.	Juice Not Stated Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1002
Leaf Brazil	Used as a vermifuge and diuretic. Used to treat scurvy, throat inflammations, fevers and diabetes. Used as an antiseptic to treat hemorrhoids. Used to treat leucorrhoea.	Not Stated Oral Not Stated External Not Stated	Human Adult Human Adult Human Female	L05437
Leaf Brazil	Used as a hepatoprotector and diuretic.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	L10331
Root Brazil	Used for dental pain.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1079
Resin Brazil	Used for its aromatic and mucilage properties. Used as a stimulant, deobstructant, sialogogue, antidyenteric, antileucorrhoeic, vermifuge and vulnerary.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1079
Not Stated Brazil	Used as a diuretic and to treat jaundice.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1045
Not Stated Brazil	Used for jaundice, diabetes, inflammation of the throat, deep wounds and engorgements of the mammary glands.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1079
Not Stated Brazil	Used for urinary and throat infections.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	K27030
Not Stated Brazil	Considered bitter, mucilaginous, stimulant, antiscorbutic, antidontalgic, sialogogue, antidyenteric, antidiabetic, antileucorrhoeic, anthelmintic and vulnerary. Used for jaundice. Used for sore throat, respiratory problems, hepatitis, to stop excessive milk production after childbirth and to aid healing from malignant sores.	Not Stated Juice Not Stated Infusion Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Not Stated Brazil	Used as a galactagogue.	Not Stated	Human Female	L16798

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Leaf Cameroon	Used for dysentery.	H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	L15725
Leaf Cameroon	Used as a hypotensive agent.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	L05008
Aerial Parts Canary Islands	Used as a hypoglycemic and as a febrifuge. Used as a cicatrizant.	Infusion Oral Infusion External	Human Adult Human Adult	L02822
Flowers Canary Islands	Used as a febrifuge and as an anticatarrhal. Used as a vulnerary. Used for dye.	Infusion Oral Infusion External	Human Adult Human Adult	T10928
Entire Plant China	Used for rheumatism. Used for intestinal ailments.	Not Stated Not Stated Enema	Human Adult	AE1003
Leaf China	Used for wounds. Used as an anti-inflammatory.	Leaf Juice External Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	K29113
Leaf China	Used to dress wounds and ulcers. Used as an anti-inflammatory, styptic and alterative. Used for thrush and candida.	Juice External Decoction Not Stated Not Stated	Human Adult	AE1003
Leaf Cook Islands	Used for cuts. Used to treat burns. Used to treat cuts and wounds.	Maceration External Maceration External Leaf Juice External	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	T09553 K20471 K20471
Entire Plant Cuba	Used as an emmenagogue.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Female	W02855
Leaf Ethiopia	Used to treat skin lesions.	Not Stated External	Human Adult	K21091
Not Stated Germany	Used as an astringent, diaphoretic and diuretic for gout, urinary tract infections, hematuria, colitis and alopecia.	Not Stated	Human Adult	AE1001
Leaf Haiti	Used for rage. Also used for nervous shock and vomiting.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	T13846
Entire Plant India	Used medicinally.	Not Stated	Human Adult	T09100
Not Stated Kenya	Used for conjunctivitis. Used for cataracts and proptosis.	Ophthalmic Infusion Ophthalmic	Human Adult Human Adult	K27041
Not Stated Kenya	Used for malaria.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	L13602
Leaf Madagascar	Used to treat hypertension.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	L15693

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Leaf Madeira	Used as a bath to treat dysentery. Used as an emmenagogue. Used to cure wounds.	Leaves External Infusion Oral Decoction External	Human Adult Human Female Human Adult	K27036
Entire Plant Mexico	Used to treat diabetes and stomach disorders. Used to treat hemorrhoids.	Infusion Oral Infusion Not Stated	Human Adult Human Adult	H20010
Entire Plant Mexico	Used for diabetes.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	L03570
Entire Plant Mexico	Used as an antidiabetic and diuretic for gastroenteritis and for the thorax. Used as an antiseptic for hemorrhoids.	Not Stated Oral Not Stated External	Human Adult Human Adult	T08848
Entire Plant Mexico	Used for diabetes. Said to be poisonous to cattle if withered plants are eaten.	Decoction Oral Plant Oral	Human Adult Cow	T11739
Leaf Mexico	Used to treat snake bites.	Poultice External	Human Adult	K16948
Leaf Mexico	Used as a jaundice remedy. Plant is boiled with an unidentified species, "flor de muerto". Used for chest embolus with <i>Melampodium divaricatum</i> .	Decoction Oral Poultice	Human Adult Human Adult	T08016
Leaf Mexico	Used for mouth blisters.	Leaves External	Human Adult	K27822
Leaf + Stem Mexico	Used for treatment of diabetes.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	M23792
Leaf + Stem Mexico	Used for diabetes and nervous problems.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T13488
Plant Juice Mexico	Used to treat inflammation of liver and kidney. The juice of the plant is used as a poultice. Used to treat fever. A decoction from the whole plant is taken during the day time.	Plant Juice External Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	K16948
Plant Juice Nepal	Used to treat fresh cuts and wounds.	Plant Juice External	Human Adult	K25347
Plant Juice Nepal	Used for cuts and wounds.	Juice External	Human Adult	K24886
Leaf Nicaragua	Used for colds and coughs.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K27070
Leaf Nicaragua	Used for respiratory and pulmonary disorders.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	L16047

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Leaf Gel Nigeria	Used for colitis. Used for diarrhea. Used for earache. Used for conjunctivitis. Used as a hemostatic. Used for inflammation.	Sap External Sap Oral Plant Juice Aural Plant Juice Ophthalmic Plant Oral & External	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	K26669
Leaf Panama	Used for headaches.	H2O Ext Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1045
Root Panama	Used for prostate tumors and the common cold. Used as an antirheumatic and for intestinal problems.	Root Oral Root Not Stated	Human Adult Human Adult	K29268
Flowers Papua-New Guinea	Used to extract pus from a boil.	Flowers External	Human Adult	M23305
Entire Plant Peru	Used for buccal aphtha, hepatitis, angina, nephritis and cystitis; as a diuretic in urinary retention and dropsy. Used as an antipyretic, emmenagogue and antidysenteric. Used for baldness.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext External	Human Adult Human Adult	T15323
Entire Plant Peru	Used to stimulate labor; used for weightloss and hepatitis. Used for urinary infections; as a diuretic and anti-inflammatory.	Decoction Oral Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1008
Leaf Peru	Used for its cicatrizant properties on deep wounds.	Maceration External	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Leaf Peru	Used for abscesses and fungal infections. Used for conjunctivitis.	Juice External Juice Eyes	Human Adult	ZZ1008
Leaf Peru	Used for toothache, headache and hepatitis. Used for angina, hepatitis, dysmenorrhea, sores and lacerations.	Not Stated Oral Decoction Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	L04137
Root Peru	Used for worms. Considered good for tonsillitis. Used as an antivenereal. Used to massage stomachs of women in labor.	Decoction Oral Not Stated Oral Not Stated External	Human Adult Human Adult Human Female	L04137
Root Peru	Used for liver affections; used to prevent liver affections from alcohol and spice abuse. Used for toothache.	Decoction Oral Root Chewed	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Root Peru	Used for alcoholic hepatitis and worms.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1027

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Not Stated Peru	Used for its antibilious, diuretic, stimulant, vermifuge and vulnerary properties. Used for hepatitis. Used for angina (concoction mixed with lemon juice).	Not Stated Not Stated Gargle	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Not Stated Peru	Used for aftosa, angina, diabetes, dysentery, dysmenorrhea, edema, hepatitis, jaundice, laryngitis and worms.	Not Stated	Human Adult	ZZ1041
Not Stated Peru	Used for rheumatism and internal hemorrhage. Used for rheumatism and nervous system pains.	Infusion Oral Decoction External	Human Adult	ZZ1093
Not Stated Peru	Used for angina and sores in the mouth. Used as an emmenagogue, antidysenteric and to alleviate chills. Used with lemon juice for angina, sore throat, water retention, hepatitis and dropsy.	Chewed or Gargled. Infusion Oral Decoction Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1043
Not Stated Peru	Used for anuria and dysmenorrhea.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K27875
Not Stated Peru	Used as an emmenagogue by the rural populace.	Not Stated	Human Adult Female	J01423
Entire Plant Rodrigues Islands	Used for skin disorders. Used for flatulence.	Epicarp Oral Decoction Oral	Human Child Human Child	K26851
Not Stated Russia	Used as an astringent, diaphoretic and diuretic for gout, ulcerative colitis, hematuria and alopecia.	Not Stated	Human Adult	AE1002
Leaf Rwanda	Used to treat respiratory ailments (tuberculosis implied).	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K17419
Leaf Rwanda	Used for pneumonia and yaws. Used as an antiseptic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral Hot H2O Ext Not Stated	Human Adult Human Adult	M25480
Leaf Rwanda	Used for wounds and sores. Used for malaria and yaws.	Not Stated External Not Stated Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	T08870
Entire Plant Taiwan	Used to treat diabetes mellitus.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	K14672
Entire Plant Taiwan	Used to treat hepatitis.	Decoction Oral	Human Adult	M29355
Entire Plant Taiwan	Used for liver disease.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T14999

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Leaf Tanzania	Roasted with banana leaf and used as a paste for wounds. Used for malaria. Used for constipation, intestinal worms and stomachaches. Used for conjunctivities and rheumatic inflammation. Used for earaches. Used for diarrhea. Used for burns.	Leaves External Root Oral Leaves Oral Leaves Ophthalmic Leaves Aural Frond Oral Plant External	Human Adult	J18843
Leaf Tonga	Used to treat retention of blood clots in the uterus (called "toka'ala locally). Four species of plants are used in the preparation. Infusion is taken orally or used to massage lower abdomen. Plants used are, <i>Bidens pilosa</i> , <i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i> , <i>Glochidion concolor</i> , and <i>Thespesia populnea</i> . Used to treat postpartum hemorrhage. <i>Bidens pilosa</i> is used alone or with <i>Wedelia biflora</i> .	Infusion Oral Infusion Oral	Human Female	T08685
Flower Tonga	Used to treat upset stomach in food poisoning.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1045
Leaf Trinidad	Used to treat diabetes.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	J19078
Not Stated Trinidad	Used for diabetes.	Not Stated Oral	Human Adult	J18701
Not Stated Uganda	Used as an ecbolic.	Not Stated	Human Female	A04210
Aerial Parts Uruguay	Used as an antiseptic. Used for inflammation.	Not Stated External Not Stated Oral	Human Adult Human Adult	K18125
Aerial Parts West Indies	Tea with other plants for cancer.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	T00701

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