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# 10 Plants That Can Change Your Life:



#### Herbal Medicines In Your Own Backyard!

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### Plants Are Powerful!

I've had amazing success
Treating a variety of illnesses
and serious wounds using the "weeds"
growing on my property.

You Can Too!

#### For Example...

# If you knew Four Plants... You Could Do This!

Calendula, Comfrey, Plantain, Yarrow







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# If you knew Four Plants... You Could Prevent This!

- Dandelion root,
- Echinacea,
- Plantain,
- Mallow, Marshmallow or Hollyhock
- Equal Parts
- Topically & Internally Every 4 Hours





**Brown Recluse Spider Bite** 

# If you knew Four\* Plants... You Could Pass One of These!

- Parsley Root
- **Uva Ursi**
- Juniper
- Mallow or Hollyhock Root
- Lobelia
- **Equal Parts**
- Internally Every 4 Hours



**Kidney Stone** 

\*Remember: There are three kinds of people in this world; those who can count...and those who can't.

#### What Are The 10 Most Important Herbs To Have?

# Comfrey

#### Symphytum officinale



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#### Comfrey

Symphytum oficinale

- Leaf & Root are Medicinal
- Markedly accelerates bone and tissue healing
  - -Wounds
  - GI tract inflammations
    - Expectorant
      - Bronchitis
    - Do not feed to6-week old rats!



# Growing Comfrey

#### Comfrey is enthusiastic, invasive and impossible to get rid of. Concrete is your friend!



# Growing Comfrey

Another, less-invasive option is to grow Russian Comfrey Symphytum x uplandicum.
It's a sterile hybrid and won't propagate by seed.



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# Harvesting Comfrey

Be careful not to harvest more than every single bit of the plant...or it may take weeks to recover!

Wear gloves. The leaves are pretty prickly.



**Comfrey Root** 

### Gumweed

Grindelia spp.



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#### Gumweed

Grindelia spp.

- Flowers and leaves are medicinal - Topically or Internally - Bladder Infections - Wounds - Antimicrobial - Anti-inflammatory - Accelerates healing - Anti-spasmodic -Expectorant - Asthma



- No Contraindications

# Growing Gumweed

Throw the seeds on the worst ground you can find.
When your neighbors ask you about where it came from...
Play dumb!

The gumweed will take it from there.

Any soil is fine. Full or partial sun.

# Harvesting Gumweed

Gather flowers and buds when the plant is flowering.

The high oil content, makes it near impossible to dry,



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#### Cone Flowers

#### **Echinacia & Rudbeckia**



#### Cone Flowers

Echinacea & Rudbeckia.

- Root & Flower
- Immune Stimulant
- Anti-bacterial
- Rattlesnake Bites
- Hobo & Recluse Spider Bites
- Cartilage Healing
- Sepsis
- Joint Healing







# Growing Cone Flowers

Echinacea purpurea is a much hardier and more productive plant than E. angustifolia.

Easy to grow in flower beds with full or part sun.



### Harvesting Coneflowers

Gather flowers when fully formed. Roots can be dug in the fall.



Note to the men...
The flowers are about as good as the roots.
Your wife will be happier if you head to her flower beds with a pair of scissors instead of a spade!

### Calendula

#### Calendula officinalis



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#### Pot Marigold/Calendula

#### Calendula officinalis

Entire plant is edible
 Flower is medicinal
 Anti-bacterial
 Anti-inflammatory
 Accelerates Healing
 Menstrual Cramps
 Stomach Ulcers
 Shingles



Avoid in pregnancy!

# Growing Calendula

Calendula seeds must be planted near dirt...
or they won't grow at all!
Full sun is great. Partial sun is fine.



### Harvesting Calendula

Gather flowers late in the morning when they're really full of themselves.



# Chamomile

#### Matricaria recutita Chamaemelum nobile



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#### Chamomile

Flower is the medicine Insomnia, Anxiety, Stress Pain Antimicrobial & Anti-fungal Anti-inflammatory Fabulous for Gastro-Intestinal ills Liver Tonic Menstrual Cramps Kidney Restorative



# Growing Chamomile

Chamomile is easy to grow from seed.
Full or partial sun.
German chamomile is a self-seeding annual.
Roman chamomile is a perennial.



### Harvesting Chamomile

Gather flowers late in the morning when they're really full of themselves. Chamomile rakes are a neat idea... they sort of work.





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#### Mallow

**Malva neglecta** 

Entire Plant is Edible
 Entire Plant is Medicinal
 Bronchitis
 Diarrhea
 Bladder Infections
 Gangrene
 No Contraindications



# Growing Mallow

Stop spraying your lawn. You'll have mallow next year.



## Harvesting Mallow

Tell the children they're "wildcrafting" instead of "weeding".

It only works once with the smart kids.

Mallow roots are stringier than marshmallow roots. Chop them fine before you dry them.

# Cramp Bark

#### Viburnum opulus



### Cramp Bark

**Viburnum opulus** 

- Collect Bark before plant flowers in spring.
- Powerful antispasmodic
  - Muscle cramps
  - Uterine cramps
- Threatened miscarriage
- Bronchial spasms/Asthma



# Growing Cramp Bark

Go to your local nursery and buy one.
They're easy to grow and require yearly pruning which is just what an herbalist wants!



## Harvesting Cramp Bark

Thin the bush in the spring before it blooms and remove the inner bark from the pruned canes.

Viburnum also makes a red berry which is edible... though only by the strictest definition.



## Plantain

#### Plantago major



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#### Plantain

Plantago spp.

- Entire Plant is Edible - Entire Plant is Medicinal - Topically or Internally - Draws out Venoms/Poisons - Wounds - Venomous Bites/Stings - Bladder Infections - Sepsis - No Contraindications





# Growing Plantain

Easy to grow from seed or just collect it from the shady parts of your lawn.

No dogs please!



## Harvesting Plantain

The leaves are the medicine.

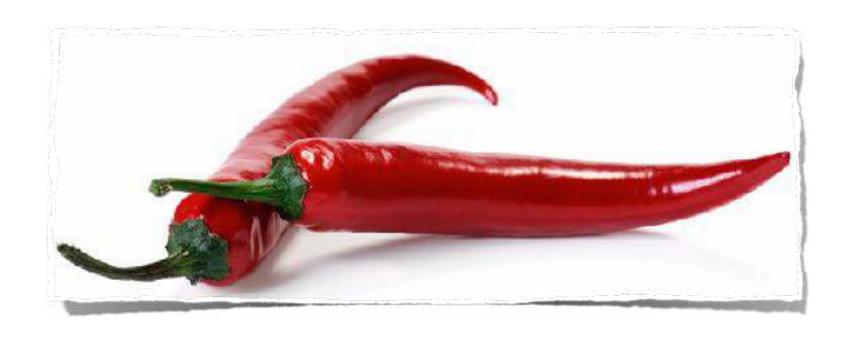
Harvest when there are leaves.

Fresh is best. Has a pretty short shelf life when dried.



# Cayenne

#### Capsicum anuum



### Cayenne

**Capsicum anuum** 

- The Pepper & Seeds - Any hot pepper will do - Stops Bleeding internally or topically - Stomach Ulcers - High or Low Blood pressure - Sinus Congestion - Shock/Heart Attack - Clears Phiegm from lungs

- No Contraindications



# Growing Cayenne

Go to your local nursery and buy some plants. Grow them like any other pepper plant.



## Harvesting Cayenne

When the peppers are red, they're ready.

Remove the seeds for eating, but leave them in for medicine.

Dry and grind.



# Dandelion

#### **Taraxacum officinale**



#### Dandelion

#### **Taraxacum officinale**

- Entire Plant is Edible
- Vitamins A,C &E
- High Potassium
-Great Liver & Kidney Tonic
- Skin problems
- Bladder Infections
- Jaundice
- Breast Cancer
- No Contraindications



# Growing Dandelions

Grasp seed head between fingers.

Pucker.

Blow.



## Harvesting Dandelions

High-Tech Dandelion harvesting equipment is available.
Tell your kids to go get one from the garage.

Leaves in the spring.

Roots in the fall.



## Yarrow

#### **Achillea millifoleum**



#### Yarrow

**Achillea millifolium** 



- Avoid during - Pregnancy







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# Growing Yarrow

Yarrow does well in sun or shade.
It tends to be pretty aggressive so put it where you want it.



## Harvesting Yarrow

When the plant is in bloom, Harvest the top 1/4 to 1/3.





## Thanks for Listening!

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