

Bloodroot

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Bloodroot is a perennial plant native to the northeastern United States. The Bloodroot plant averages approximately 15 cm in height and has white flowering with orange-red colored roots. In the past, Bloodroot was used as an expectorant, found in toothpastes to help fight plaque and in mouthwash to help kill bacteria. Parts used: roots and whole plant

Other Names: Indian Paint, Tetterwort, Red Root, Paucon, Coon Root, Snakebite, Sweet Slumber, Indian Plant, Pauson, Sanguinaria

{mospagebreak title=Potential Uses}

Potential Uses:

- Presently use has become obsolete in most countries, but can be found:
- In some homeopathic preparations
- In some pharmaceutical compounds
- In some toothpastes and mouthwashes

{mospagebreak title=Presumed Mechanism}

Presumed Mechanisms:

- Substance contained in Bloodroot can produce a narcotic effect, severe cramping, and impaired sensory nerve function.

{mospagebreak title=Precautions}

Precautions:

Use of Bloodroot is not recommended.

Bloodroot is potentially fatal.

- Even small doses can be toxic, induce vomiting and cause diarrhea.
- Bloodroot can have serious consequences, and even cause death.

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