



CAIGUA CAPSULES

100 capsules / 500 mg each

Retail price: \$19.95

Description: Caigua is a slender tropical vine that is indigenous to South America. It grows up to 40 feet in length with long tendrils for climbing. It produces cucumber-like fruits that are known to contain flavonoid glycosides including four novel ones never reported before that have shown an antioxidant effect in laboratory research.* In addition, the fruits have yielded nine triterpenoid saponins, among them six new natural compounds never seen before. For more complete information on this unique rainforest plant, please see the Raintree Nutrition internet website and the online [Tropical Plant Database](#).

Traditional Uses:* for high cholesterol, for hypertension and circulatory problems, for diabetes, for gastrointestinal problems, as a topical analgesic

Ingredients: 100% pure caigua fruit powder (*Cyclanthera pedata*). No binders, fillers or additives are used. This product is non-irradiated and non-fumigated. It is a wild harvested product—grown naturally in the Peruvian Amazon without any pesticides or fertilizers.

Suggested Use: 2 capsules 2 - 3 times daily or as directed by a health care professional.

Contraindications: None reported.

Drug Interactions: None reported.

Clinical Documentation and Research:* This Raintree product has not been the subject of any clinical research. Available third-party documentation and clinical research on caigua be found at the [Raintree website](#). A partial listing of the research on caigua is shown below:

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