

References on Chanca Piedra (*Phyllanthus niruri*) from Part 3 of [Fighting Cancer with Plants from the Rainforest](#) By Leslie Taylor

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