

Ethnomedical Information on Pata de Vaca (*Bauhinia forficata*)

Plant Part / Location	Documented Ethnomedical Use	Type Extract Route	Used For	Ref #
Leaf Amazonia	Used as a tonic and for diarrhea.	Not stated	Human Adult	ZZ1003
Entire Plant Brazil	Used for diabetes and obesity. Used as a diuretic and astringent.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1096
Leaf Brazil	Used as an antidiabetic.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	A12810
Leaf Brazil	Used for diabetes.	Infusion Oral Decoction Oral Wine Ext Oral	Human Adult Human Adult Human Adult	K12432 M29305 T15975
Leaf Brazil	Used for diabetes. Used as a diuretic.	Infusion Oral	Human Adult	K12432
Leaf Brazil	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	L09106
Leaf Brazil	Used for diabetes.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1070
Leaf Brazil	Used as an antidiabetic and for cystitis.	Various Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1099
Leaf Brazil	Used as an insulin substitute for diabetics. Used for polyuria, hyperglycemia and for its diuretic properties.	Various Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1014
Leaf Brazil	Used for diabetes mellitus II, making the pancreas produce more insulin; used to normalize glucose.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1076
Leaf Brazil	Used for renal and urinary affections, polyuria and for diabetes. Used for elephantiasis.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1072
Leaf Brazil	Used as an antidiabetic, purgative, diuretic and for problems of the urinary system.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1092
Leaf Brazil	Used for diabetes. Used as a diuretic to eliminate renal calculi. Used to calm the nervous system.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1081
Leaf Brazil	Used for diabetes.	Various Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1016
Leaf Brazil	Used for elephantiasis, affections of the skin and syphilis. Used as a substitute for insulin; called 'vegetable insulin.' Used for glucosuria, diabetes and renal affections.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1013

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Stem Brazil	Used for elephantiasis, snakebite and diabetes; used as a diuretic and depurgative.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1002
Stem Brazil	Used for diarrhea.	Hot H2O Ext Oral	Human Adult	ZZ1081
Root + Leaf Brazil	Used as an antidiabetic, vermifuge and diuretic. Used for leprosy, elephantiasis, snakebite and blenorrhagia.	Not stated	Human Adult	AQ1005
Flower Brazil	Used as a purgative.	Not stated	Human Adult	AQ1005
Not Stated	Used as an antioxytocic.	Not Stated	Human Adult (Pregnant)	L16798

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