

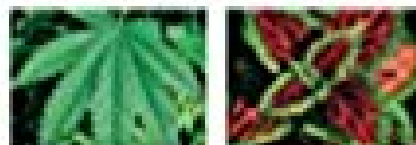


# THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PSYCHOACTIVE PLANTS

**ETHNOPHARMACOLOGY and Its APPLICATIONS**



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# The Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Plants: Ethnopharmacology and Its Applications



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The most comprehensive guide to the botany, history, distribution, and cultivation of most known psychoactive plants. Examines 414 psychoactive plant life and related substances. In The Encyclopedia of Psychoactive Vegetation Christian Rä The written text can be lavishly illustrated with 797 color photographs--many of which are from the author's "legal highs." Explores how using psychoactive plant life in a culturally sanctioned context can produce important insights into the nature of reality. Plants known just from mythological contexts and literature, and plant items that include substances such as for example ayahuasca, incense, and soma. He discusses their ritual and medicinal use, cultural artifacts made from these plants, and works of art that either represent or have already been motivated by them. The author begins with 168 of the most well-known psychoactives--such as cannabis, datura, and papaver--after that presents 133 lesser known substances and also additional plants referred to as "The most effective plants--those recognized to transport the individual mind into other measurements of consciousness--have traditionally been thought to be sacred." tsch details the botany, history, distribution, cultivation, and preparation and dosage of more than 400 psychoactive vegetation. Contains 797 color photographs and 645 black-and-white illustrations. In the traditions of each culture, plants have already been highly valued because of their nourishing, curing, and transformative properties. s extensive fieldwork around the world--showing the people, ceremonies, and art linked to the ritual use of the world's sacred psychoactives.



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better than the web for info Have you ever tried looking for information on natural drugs on the internet? There are many great pictures and it's really hard to imagine a book more thorough on the subject. It's gigantic and offers tons of information. The number of pictures in the publication is astonishing, probably 2 per page for 900 pages. High quality in every element.) Distributed throughout are coloured photographs of a good quality. I like that excellent resource needs more complete information regarding chemical substance properties and their physiological pathways and effects great reference material This reference book includes a large amount of great material! So if you plan on using this reserve as a complete personal reference information for personal use or cultivation, you will need additional materials. Hats off to the translator as well -- it does not read just like a translation at all, in my opinion.. This publication contains all the information you need on the subject, in fact it is coherently offered, easy to check out, and the book itself is beautifully produced. It is as an art book. This is not a reserve informing a misled populace to drug oneself, rather it's quite centered on the perception of sacred vegetation from the view of the indigenous peoples who revere them. Well come up with, well researched, and well-planned, with a truly lots of information. Ancient vegetation that heal the spirit and your body. An incredible compilation of even the most unsuspected vegetation which have psychoactive properties. It is a must in virtually any ethnobotanic library and it should encourage further exploration and study on what nowadays are considered taboo vegetation. Some have been proved to be beneficial (ayahuasca)...I've enjoyed the words and thoughts of the author and his exploratory nature to get the insights he relays, it reminds me of my very own curious mind as a younger person prepared to explore psychoactive encounters. This book will take a while but since it is an encyclopedia I will refer back again to it when I am feeling inquisitive on the subject. Easily one of my favorite books ever Easily one of the best books ever, it does an excellent job elaborating on the past cultural uses of every of the plants and how these were prepared. It is certainly nearly impossible to find information on a rarely touched topic. Much reading to come! I find the cultural backgrounds of each plant especially interesting. that i think is why is the book so excellent. One plant can include family members, forms and subspecies, synonyms, folk names, background, topographical distribution of the plant, cultivation, appearance, sometimes preparation and dosage, ritual make use of, artifacts, medicinal make use of, constituents/alkaloids responsible for effects, ramifications of the alkaloids, business forms and regulations, and references to related literature in addition to a little picture or two, and a picture of alkaloid molecular structure. Amazing Source about psychoactive plants. This is a wonderful resource book. Sites like erowid and wikipedia try to touch the subject, but they rely mostly on user feedback which can often be extremely questionable, sometimes flat out urban legend. All that I could probably want in a non-fiction publication is covered. It includes historical usage, effects, dosage information, and also some experiences people have had. (He resources himself- which can be something I find to be very humoring, but I obtain it. It seems to have a range of info from botanical to historical to relatively simple. If you're slightly thinking about the topic, this book is a must have! Impressive knowledge bank The author is so knowledgeable that Personally i think very uneducated scanning this! It focuses more on culture, history, organic habitat, and traditional ritual uses. That is well worth having for anyone thinking about the perspective of shamanism from around the world. D Thoroughly informative, beautifully printed, well designed What's not to love? In Depth Christian Ratsch has done a phenomenal job putting this encyclopedia together. Each plant a painting. Beautifully performed, it will be passed down to future generations. Extremely Informative

Actually the most obscure plants are included in this must-have title. One thing missing is lethal doses of these things, despite having peyote which has a officially established lethal dose of mescaline that's lab researched. great book~~~ What can I say. A journey in to the plant and mind I have just skimmed through half this reserve and thoroughly read small amounts, but so far I view it to be an incredible collection of information. Hopefully the day will come when the few taboo vegetation listed will become decriminalized and they wil donate to the physical and spiritual curing of an ailing humanity..great book~~~ Ooh boy! Rätsch entails a plethora of psychoactive plants by the following categories: Family, Forms and Subspecies, Synonyms, Folk Names, Background, Distribution, Cultivation, Appearance, Psychoactive Material, Preparation and Dosage, Ritual Use, Artifacts, Medicinal Use, Constituents, Effects, and Commercial Forms and Rules. Under each plant section, many resources are listed. An excellent book for experts and explorers as well.It covers everything to devoting 17 pages to peyote, 6 pages to coffee, 4 pages to camphor (found in lip protectant and vicks vapor rub), to 2 pages about the blue lotus flower. The pages are large and arranged in a style that pleases the attention, a fashion that a lot of text message books are formatted in. I have no complaints. There's details on many many different plant life, along with some mushrooms and additional substances. It's certainly worth checking out! The picture attached is merely a bit of text from the publication that I came across to end up being quite funny.



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