

Feverfew

Tanacetum parthenium

Plant of the week



Tanacetum = From the Greek, athanasia which means immortality. Used in embalming.

parthenium = Mount Parthenium in Greece. The flower is native to the Balkans.





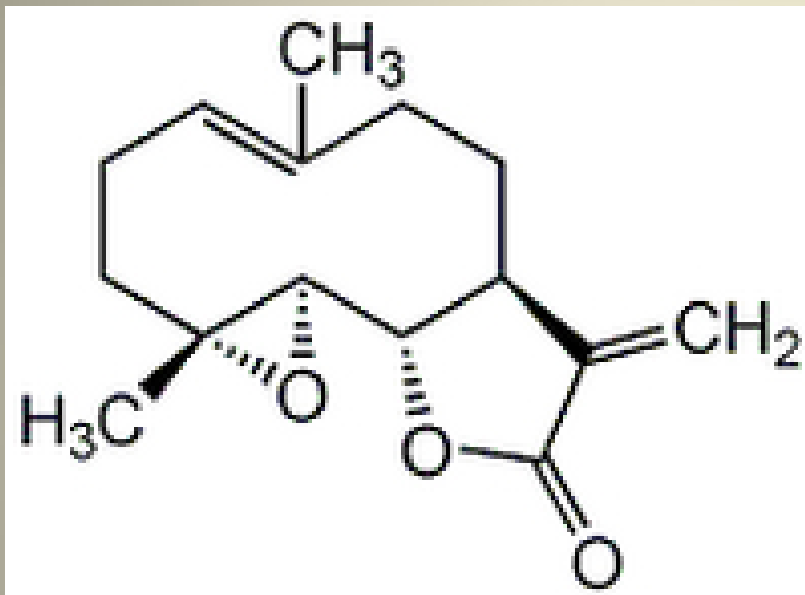
Also known as Bachelors
Buttons for the flowers





As the name implies it was originally used for fevers. Most current uses are pain relief including migraines.





Contains many sesquiterpene lactones, with higher concentration of parthenolides.

This particular parthenolide is extracted from feverfew.

\$75.20 for 50 mg at 98% purity.



Clinical studies are inconclusive with a few reporting positive relief for migraines.

Can cause vomiting.

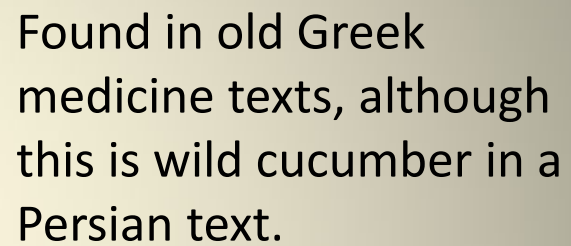
Acts as a skin irritant.

Should not be used by pregnant women or people on blood-thinning medications.

Mouth ulcers.

Withdrawal symptoms.







Not widely used in Native American medicine.

Cherokee, an infusion for swollen feet.

Mahuna – Ingested for rheumatism.





Similar plant:

Tansy, *Tanacetum vulgare*.

Many uses, keeps away
potato bugs.

Invasive, toxic.

Used in middle ages to
induce abortion.





The *Parthenium* genus.

Collectively many are also known as feverfew. Also commonly called carrot grass.

Many are invasive.

Has its own society: Society for Parthenium Management

Allelopathic, a famine food.





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A decoction can be used as a flea remedy on pets.

