

Bamboo As Traditional Medicine

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For centuries bamboo has been treated as a valuable ingredient by Chinese herbal medicine. Tabasheer, the powdered, hardened secretion from bamboo, is used to treat asthma, coughs and can be used as an aphrodisiac. In China, ingredients from the root of the black bamboo help treat kidney disease. Roots and leaves have also been used to treat venereal disease and cancer. Sap is said to reduce fever, and ash will cure prickly heat. Current research points to bamboo's potential in numerous medicinal uses such as preservative, perfume, deodorizer, wine, beverage, etc.