

Pictorial guide to medicinal plants of S.C.E.P.T.E.R.

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Abstract: Due to the lack of literature containing pictures of the medicinal plants of Dominica; a volume was initiated which would contain pictures of medicinal plants found around the Springfield/S.C.E.P.T.R.E. area. The journal is an initial sampling of the medicinal plants and by no means is complete. The journal was created to aid in the identification of medicinal plants.

Introduction

Finding medicinal plants in Dominica requires the knowledge of a person who is familiar with the plants used here. Therefore it was necessary to find a person with this knowledge and venture into the field with them to find these plants.

Materials and Methods

Materials used in learning the medicinal plants available were three books and one paper, these may be found in the literature citation. Also interviews were conducted to find out about plants around Springfield, the persons interviewed were Brother Matthew Luke and Trudi. methods of identification were by using the books and persons aforementioned, and then cross checking these references. Methods of photographing the plants were made possible by Dr. James Woolley who provided the equipment, time and patience to photograph the plants. The pictures were then pasted in the journal with the description of each plant.

Results

The medicinal plants of Dominica are very diverse and bountiful, learning, researching, and discussing the plants was enthralling to the author. The journal was completed with the plants available around Springfield.

Discussion:

For future projects in this area continuing the journal would be helpful, since the journal is only a small sampling of the medicinal plants of Dominica.