

Agrimony Herb - Uses And Where To Buy Dried And In Tincture Form

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Agrimony has an old reputation as a popular medicinal herb, being a simple well known to all country people. It belongs to the Rose family of plants, and its thin spikes of yellow flowers, which are in bloom from June to early September, and the singularly beautiful form of its much cut-into leaves, make it one of the most graceful of our smaller herbs.

Agrimony contains a very particular volatile oil, which may be obtained from the plant by distillation and also a bitter principle. It yields in addition 5 per cent of tannin, so that it's use in folk medicine for gargles and as an astringent applicant to indolent ulcers and wounds is well justified. Owing to this presence of tannin, its use has been recommended in dressing leather.

Medicinal Action and Uses Astringent tonic, diuretic. Agrimony has had a great reputation for curing jaundice and other types of liver complaints. Gerard believed in its efficacy. He says: "A decoction of the leaves is good for them that have naughty livers". and he tells us also that Pliny called it a 'herb of princely authority.' Dioscorides stated that it was not only 'a remedy for them that have bad livers,' but also 'for such as are bitten with serpents.' Dr. Hill, who from 1751 to 1771 published several works on Herbal medicine, recommends 'an infusion of 6 oz. of the crown of the root in a quart of boiling water, sweetened with honey and half a pint drank three times a day,' as an effectual remedy for jaundice. It gives tone to the system and promotes assimilation of food.

Agrimony is also considered a very useful agent in skin eruptions and diseases of the blood, pimples, blotches, etc. A strong decoction of the root and leaves, sweetened with honey or sugar, has been taken successfully to cure scrofulous sores, being administered two or three times a day, in doses of a wineglassful, persistently for several months. The same decoction is also often employed in rural districts as an application to ulcers.

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