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Ethnobiological research in recent years has focused increasingly on problem solving and hypothesis testing by means of qualitative and especially quantitative methods. Scholars seek to understand how culturally relevant biotas are cognitively categorized, ranked, named, and assigned meaning. Researchers investigate the complex strategies employed by traditional societies to manage plant and animal taxa, communities, and landscapes. This research further explores the degree to which local ecological knowledge promotes or undermines resource conservation, and contributes to the solution of global challenges, such as community health, nutrition, and cultural heritage. It investigates the economic value and environmental sustainability to local communities of non-timber forest products, as well as the strategies through which individual ecological knowledge and practices encourage resilience to change—modernization, climate change, and many others. Scholars in plant sciences worldwide will be interested in this series and its content.

European Ethnobotany series provides readers comparative information of traditional wild plants (especially of its preparations and uses) in every highly different region across Europe. Each macroregion will be divided into sections covering countries (or groups of countries), based on plant diversity and not necessarily political or national boundaries. Contributions are drawn from the fields of biology, anthropology, agronomy, geography, biochemistry, and environmental economics.

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