

Cissus verticillata

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Cissus verticillata, the princess vine^[2] or seasonvine,^[3] is an evergreen perennial vine in the grapevine family Vitaceae.

A large number of names have been synonymized to this species; currently 72 synonyms are recognized.^[4]

Historical folk medicine recommendations include "weakness of the stomach", fevers and antiepileptic action. The root bark was also chewed "to strengthen teeth".^[5]

Cissus verticillata (= *C. sicyoides*) was discovered in 1571 in Mexico (probably in what is today the state of Michoacán) and first described in 1574 by Nicolás Monardes who named in Spanish *Carlo Sancto*. In Europe the plant was compared to hop (*Humulus lupulus* L.) so it was named by Caspar Bauhin *Lupulus Mechiocanus* (which means "hop of Michoacán"). The roots of *Cissus verticillata* were exported to Europe as a medicinal stock. The last certain reports that this medicinal stock was present in European market originate from the decline of the 18th century^[5]

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