

nonochton

Nonochton is the Classical Nahuatl name for a plant whose identity is uncertain. Suggested plants include *Portulaca*, *Pereskia*,^[1] and *Lycianthes molinae*, a plant now called *tlanoche* in the local variety of modern Nahuatl spoken by highland farmers that cultivate it for its fruit.^[2]

In Aztec medicine, nonochton was used as an ingredient in a remedy for pain at the heart:

For him whose heart pains him or burns, take the plant nonochton that grows near an ants' nest, gold, electrum, *teo-xihuitl*, *chichiltic tapachtli* and *tetlahuitl*,^[what language is this?] with the burned heart of a deer, and grind them up together in water; let him drink the liquor.

