TABLE 11.2 Edible Plants Used by Native Populations and in Modern Pharmaceuticals

Common Name

White willow

Salix alba

of Plant	Scientific Name of Plant	Plant Derivative	Healing Properties
Chili	Capsicum frutescens	Capsaicin	Pain relief
Foxglove	Digitalis lanata	Digoxin	Heart disease/arrhythmia
Garlic	Allium sativum	Raw garlic/garlic oil/aged garlic extract	Heart disease
Wild mandrake or mayapple	Podophyllum peltatum	Etoposide	Used in cancer chemotherapy
Tea tree	Melaleuca alternifolia	Tea tree oil	Antibacterial/anti-fungal
Thyme	Thymus vulgaris	Thymol	Antibacterial/anti-inflammatory

Pharmaceutical Using

Salicylic acid/aspirin

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Headache/pain/ anti-inflammatory