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MEDICINAL VALUE OF AQUATIC AND WETLAND PLANTS OF VARANASI DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT: The present paper deals with the medicinal uses of aquatic and wetland plants of Varanasi district. For this purpose, collection of aquatic and wetland plants and information on their medicinal uses was carried out during 2002-2005 and 2007-2008 in different seasons. During collection, 82 plant species belonging to 69 genera and 40 families were found to be useful from medicinal point of view. Maximum number of medicinal plant species (8) were recorded from the family Asteraceae . These medicinal plants are enumerated in alphabetical order along with families, common/local name (if any) and their medicinal uses.

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