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Brunfelsia uniflora

[Synonyms : *Brunfelsia hopeana*, *Franciscea uniflora*]

MANACA is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to Brazil and Venezuela, it has very fragrant, yellow-throated, blue or white flowers.

It is also known as Manaca raintree, Manaca root, Pohl, and Vegetable mercury.

Warning – large doses can be poisonous. They can cause perspiration, vomiting, purging, lassitude and greenish discharges.

Uniflora is derived from Latin *uni-* (one) and *-flora* (flowered) components meaning ‘single-flowered or with solitary flowers’.

Medicinally, the root is used to treat syphilis.