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*Croton niveus*

[Synonyms : *Croton arboreus*, *Croton pseudo-china*]

**COPALCHI BARK** is a shrub or tree. Native to tropical America (particularly Venezuela and Mexico), it has small very fragrant, white-petalled flowers.

It is also known as Copalche bark, Copalchi, Quina, and Vara blanca.

*Niveus* is Latin (snowy, of snow) meaning 'snow-white or growing near snow' – in this case the former.

It has been used medicinally like cascarilla (*Croton eluteria*) to treat chronic bronchitis and diarrhoea, dysentery and debility.