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Eryngium aquaticum

[Synonyms : *Eryngium virginianum*]

BUTTON SNAKE-ROOT is a perennial. Native to North America it has small, green or whitish flowers.

It is also known as Contrayerva, Corn snakeroot, Eryngo, Fever weed, Rattlesnake flag, Rattlesnake's master, Rattlesnake weed, and Water eryngo.

Aquaticum means 'growing in or near water'.

Some North American Indian tribes used button snake-root to make a potion (that would have caused vomiting) for use during religious rituals. This quality was actually used medicinally by the Cherokee, Koasati and Alabama Indians. The Choctaw tribe used the root to treat fluid retention, some lung problems and snake bites, and they and the Delaware Indians also used it in remedies for venereal diseases. The Delaware tribe recognized the plant as medicine for treating worms.

Medicinally, it has been used locally to treat fevers, venereal diseases, fluid retention and snake bites. The roots have also been used in homoeopathic treatments.