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Geum macrophyllum

[Synonyms : *Geum japonicum*, *Geum oregonense*]

LARGE-LEAVED AVENS is a perennial. Native to eastern Asia and western North America it has small, clove-scented yellow flowers with many stamens.

It is also known as *Amerikansk nejlikrot* (Swedish), *Daikon-so* (Japanese), *Japaninkellukka* (Finnish), *Kuklík* (Slovak), *Kuklík velkolistý* (Czech), Largeleaf avens, *Ti chiao* (Chinese), and Yellow avens.

Macrophyllum is made up of Greek *macro-* (large, long) and *phyllo-* (leaf) components meaning 'large-leaved'.

The roots, leaves and whole plant were used medicinally by some of the North American Indian tribes including the Gosiute. A leaf infusion was taken as a contraceptive in the Chehalis tribe, the Carrier Indians applied the leaves to bruises, the Quinault made a poultice of them for cuts, and the Quileute, Snohomish, Bella Coola and Klallam tribes all used them for boils. Bella Coola and Hesquiat Indians chose the plant for treating various stomach disorders – the root in the case of the former and the whole plant in the latter. Differing parts of the plant were used by the Klallam, some of the Chippewa, the Okanagan-Colville, Quinault and Hesquiat Indians during childbirth.