

Hydrocotyl umbellata

Scientific classification

Kingdom	: Plantae
Clade	: Angiosperms
Order	: Apiales
Family	: Araliaceae
Genus	: <i>Hydrocotyl</i>
Species	: <i>H.umbellata</i>
Part used	: Rhizome,roots, leaves



Description

Hydrocotyle umbellata, or Dollarweed, is a native, herbaceous, perennial weed found in moist, open areas, along roadside ditches, and swamps. It is a long petiolated plant characterized by peltate-shaped leaves, simple umbel inflorescence, somewhat exceeding the length of the leaves, bearing numerous small white flowers and flattened capsule-shaped fruits.

Medicinal uses

In Brazil it is known as acariçoba and has applications in herbal medicine with purported anxiolytic, analgesic and anti-inflammatory properties. The plant has been used in folk medicine as an anti-inflammatory, analgesic, anti-inflammatory and anxiolytic activities and its also a memory stimulant herb.