

of phytomedicines and to assist with the harmonization of their regulatory status at the European level; to develop a coordinated scientific framework to assess phytomedicines; to promote the acceptance of phytomedicines, especially within general medical practice; to support and initiate clinical and experimental research in phytotherapy; to improve and extend the international accumulation of scientific and practical knowledge in the field of phytotherapy; to support all appropriate measures that will secure optimum protection for those who use phytomedicines; and to produce reference monographs on the therapeutic use of plant drugs. The ESCOP has published a large number of monographs and has established uniform standards for several botanical drugs (Table 1.1).

The search for drugs through botanical sources has its roots in the realization that it is unlikely that some of the most successful drugs could have been discovered by

TABLE 1.1

List of Monographs of Phytomedicines Available from European Scientific Cooperative on Phytotherapy

<i>Absinthii herba</i>	Alexandrian senna pods
<i>Aloe capensis</i>	Aniseed
<i>Anisi fructus</i>	Arnica flower
<i>Arnicae flos</i>	Bearberry leaf
Blackcurrant leaf	Cape aloes
Caraway	<i>Carvi fructus</i>
Cascara	<i>Centaurii herba</i>
Centaury	<i>Crataegi folium cum flore</i>
Dandelion leaf	Dandelion root
Devil's claw	<i>Echinacea pallida radix</i>
<i>Echinacea purpurea radix</i>	<i>Eucalypti aetheroleum</i>
Eucalyptus oil	Fennel
Feverfew	Frangula bark
<i>Frangulae cortex</i>	Garlic bulb
Gentian root	<i>Gentianae radix</i>
Ginger	Golden rod
<i>Hamamelidis folium</i>	Hamamelis leaf
<i>Harpagophyti radix</i>	Hawthorn leaf and flower
<i>Hippocastani semen</i>	Hop strobiles
Horse-chestnut seed	<i>Hyperici herba</i>
Iceland moss	Ispaghula
Ispaghula husk	Java tea
Juniper berries	<i>Juniperi fructus</i>
<i>Lichen islandicus</i>	<i>Lini semen</i>
Linseed	<i>Lupuli flos</i>
Matricaria flower	<i>Matricariae flos</i>
<i>Meliloti herba</i>	Melilotus
Melissa leaf	<i>Melissae folium</i>
<i>Menthae piperitae aetheroleum</i>	<i>Menthae piperitae folium</i>

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