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List of databases: Medicinal plants and alternative medicine resources

- BIOSIS provides vital sources of information for life scientists.
<http://www.biosis.org/>
- CISCOM Database -
<http://www.rccm.org.uk/cisc.htm>
- CRISP (Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects) - Database of federally funded biomedical research projects conducted at universities, hospitals and other research institutions.
<http://crisp.cit.nih.gov/>
- Chinese Medicine: Traditional Chinese Medicine Database System
<http://www.cintcm.com/index.htm>
- Dr. Duke's Phytochemical and Ethnobotanical Databases - An Agricultural Research Service from U.S. Department of Agriculture.
<http://www.ars-grin.gov/duke/index.html>
- EMBASE - An international database to citations covering the biomedical, pharmacological and drug literature.
<http://www.embase.com/>
- HerbMed -A herbal database
<http://www.herbmed.org/>
- HPPD (Herbal Past and Present Database)
<http://www.extra.hu/hbock/dbase/index.html>
- Indian System of Medicine - A Gateway for information on Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy by Department. of ISMH, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India; also links the Indian Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia
<http://indianmedicine.nic.in/>
- The Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Abstracts (MAPA) - A bimonthly abstracting journal by National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR), provides coverage of the global literature on all aspects of medicinal and aromatic plants. Till date 81,000 abstracts have been published in 24 volumes covering the period from 1979 to 2002. About 54,000 abstracts (from 1988 onwards) are available in database form
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Reprints of full text articles can be obtained

- from Indian Medlars Centre -
<http://www.uncat.nic.in/>
- **Manual, Alternative and Natural Therapy (MANTIS) Database** - (formerly CHIROLARS) A coverage for health care disciplines not significantly represented in the major biomedical databases, references from more than 1,000 journals, with preference given to peer-reviewed journals.
<http://www.healthindex.com/MANTISAbout.html>
 - **Dialog Corporation**
<http://library.dialog.com/bluesheets/html/b1091.html>
 - **Health Index**
<http://www.healthindex.com/>
 - **OVID Databases**
<http://www.ovid.com/>
 - **MEDLINE Database** - is the best interface known as PubMed from the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, USA
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/>
 - **Medicinal and Poisonous Plant Databases**
<http://www.biologie.uni-hamburg.de/b-online/ibc99/poison/>
 - **MICROMEDEX Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Series** - A series of databases covering four areas viz, herbal medicine and dietary supplements, clinical protocols, patient education, and herbal and dietary supplement toxicology.
<http://www.micromedex.com/products/healthcare/cam/>
 - **NAPRALERT, NATURAL PRODUCTS ALERT** - from STN International: contains bibliographic and factual data on natural products, including information on the pharmacology, biological activity, taxonomic distribution, ethno-medicine and chemistry of plant, microbial, and animal (including marine) extracts. In addition, the file contains data on the chemistry and pharmacology of secondary metabolites that are derived from natural sources and that have known structure. The NAPRALERT File contains more than 100,000 records from 1950 to the present. Approximately 50% of the file is from systematic survey of the literature from 1975 to the present. The remaining records were obtained by selective retrospective indexing dating back to 1950.
<http://info.cas.org/ONLINE/DBSS/napralertss.html>
<http://stneasy.cas.org/html/english/login1.html>
 - **Patent Database - United States Patent and Trademark Office**: A tool to locate registered patents in complementary and alternative medicine
<http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html>

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