

# **CHERRY STEMS**

Used as mild diuretic.

100 capsules 1 000 mg

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# Prunus cerasus

Prunus cerasus is a plant that originates around the Black and Caspian Seas. During the course of animal and human migrations, the species spread to other temperate regions.<sup>2</sup> The arboreal species was cultivated in antiguity in Greece, in the Roman empire, and in Asia. Today it is cultivated all over the world for its fleshy sweet fruit, which is rich in vitamin C. Cherry stems are very popular in herbal medicine for their diuretic and cleansing actions.



#### **MEDICINAL INGREDIENT**

Sour cherry (Prunus cerasus, Peduncle (fruit)) ...... 100 mg (10:1, QBE 1 000 mg)

# **NON-MEDICINAL INGREDIENTS**

Cellulose and hypromellose.

## **RECOMMENDED DOSE** Adult: 1 capsule 2 times a day.

**DURATION OF USE** 

## For occasional use only.

# WARNINGS

- Consult a health care provider if the symptoms persist or worsen.
- Consult a health care provider prior to use if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Do not use if you suffer from hypocalcemia or urolithiasis.

## **PRUNUS CERASUS**

USDA Classification<sup>1</sup> Kingdom: Plantae Division: Magnoliophyta Class: Magnoliopsida Order: Rosales Family: Rosaceae Genus: Prunus L. Species : Prunus cerasus L.

# **Professionals**

Cherry stem infusions are traditionally used as a diuretic.<sup>3,4</sup> According to a literature review published in 2009, cherry stems contain naturally high levels of flavonoids and potassium, which confer diuretic properties. The authors also analyzed urine samples collected from volunteers in a clinical study to assess concentrations of electrolytes (sodium, potassium, chloride and calcium) as well as urine volume and osmolality. The article concluded that cherry stem capsules increase calcium, sodium, and chloride concentrations in urine and increase the volume of urine excreted. No adverse effects were observed during the study.

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