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Ethnobotany in Mexico: An Annotated Bibliography

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The discovery of the New World resulted in the discovery and subsequent utilization of many new species of plants, such as potato, avocado, chocolate, and coca. Ethnobotany, the study of the use of plants by native people and the relationship to their environment, has been a part of the literature of the New World since the sixteenth century. Bernardino de Sahagún, a Franciscan friar, was first to examine the plant use of the Nahuatl. Since then, many others have studied the relationship of the people of Mexico to their environment. The publications listed here are located in the Benson Latin American Collection stacks, unless otherwise indicated.

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