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From famine wild plants in mountain regions of Northeastern Portugal to gourmet foods in contemporary diets: a nutritional-based revalorization study.

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Wild plants have received high importance at different locations and times of the human history given their ability to provide nutrients and protection in scarcity periods. In the Northeastern region of Portugal, a mountainous land with vast biodiversity and cultural heritage, a large number of edible wild plants have become underutilized over time. This abandonment was mainly due to altered lifestyles of modern society and massive utilization of a restrict number of crops. However, some wild species are now emerging in gardens and kitchens around Europe and increasingly found in farmers' markets, gourmet food shops and restaurants. Following this trend, this study aimed to characterize five species traditionally consumed as vegetable (*Montia fontana* L., *Nasturtium officinale* R. Br. and *Rumex induratus* Boiss. & Reut.) or as condiment (*Pterospartum tridentatum* (L.) Willk and *Thymus pulegioides* L.) in terms of nutrients and bioactive compounds. Wild specimens of the selected plants were gathered in the Northeast region of Portugal and analyzed for their nutritional value following standard procedures; free sugars, fatty acids, tocopherols and ascorbic acid were analyzed by chromatographic techniques; and total phenolics and flavonoids were quantified by colorimetric assays. All plants revealed low protein contents. The highest levels of carbohydrates and free sugars were found in the flowering parts of the two species used as condiments. Fructose and glucose predominated in all plants except in *T. pulegioides* in which sucrose prevailed. These low-fat foods revealed healthy fatty acids profiles mainly composed by α -linolenic acid, a precursor of long-chain n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids. *M. fontana* and *R. induratus* were sources of ascorbic acid; a 100-g portion of *R. induratus* contain more than 50% of the recommended dietary allowances (RDA) for adults. *R. induratus*, *T. pulegioides* and *P. tridentatum* presented the high α -tocopherol content, whose 100-g portions contribute in more than 30% of the RDA. Regarding bioactive non-nutrients, while *P. tridentatum* was found particularly rich in total phenolics, *T. pulegioides* showed the highest total flavonoid content. This extensive work demonstrates that the selected famine foods have a healthy fatty acids composition, vitamins and bioactive compounds, and can be considered as interesting contemporary foods.

Keywords: Wild food plants, Valorization, Nutricional value, Northeast of Portugal.

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An ethnobotanical review on uses of the Turkish *Salvia* species.

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Salvia L. is one of the most useful genera especially traditional therapy in Turkey. The aim of this study is to revise various ethnobotanical uses of *Salvia* species according to our investigations and scientific literature records. Our investigations are based on local ethnobotanical studies. The ethnobotanical information was obtained through open ended and semi-structured interviews from the local people. The specimens were collected during the field works and then identified. In addition, the scientific literature records on the subject were revised. According to the results, 36 *Salvia* taxa are ethnobotanically used in Turkey. The usages of the plants are respectively as follows: traditional folk medicine (34 taxa), food (19 taxa), herbal tea (5 taxa), spice (2 taxa) and dye (1 taxa). Among them, *Salvia fruticosa*, *S. tomentosa* and *S. virgata* are the most popular plants and they are used in many localities of Turkey.

Keywords: Ethnobotany, *Salvia*, Medicinal plants, Edible plants, Turkey.

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