# Takuna

## Applications

 Healthy Inflammatory Response Support



#### Introduction

NutraMedix Takuna™ is a hydro-ethanol extract made from takuna blanca bark (Cecropia strigosa), which belongs to the Urticaceae family.¹ It has also been known as Cecropia bicolor, Cecropia multiflora, Cecropia rugosa, Ambaiba bicolor, and Ambaiba strigosa,¹ though Latin binomials other than Cecropia strigosa are considered obsolete.² The natural habitat ranges from the Amazonian region to the Andes,³ and in Peru, it is commonly known as Tacuna blanco.¹ The traditional ethnobotanical use of C. strigosa is for gastrointestinal support,⁴ and many other Cecropia spp. have a strong history of ethnobotanical use.⁵-9

NutraMedix Takuna is made at our U.S. manufacturing facility using a specialized proprietary extraction process that optimizes the constituents of the herbs in their original, unprocessed state to obtain broad-spectrum concentration. Because NutraMedix's extracts are made in our own facility, we control all aspects of quality, including stringent ID testing, microbial testing, and heavy-metal testing. NutraMedix rigorously follows current good manufacturing practices (cGMP), as do our suppliers.

### Healthy Inflammatory Response Support

In a study with mice, NutraMedix Takuna (C. strigosa) was found to support a healthy inflammatory response. 10

#### Safety & Cautions

Takuna blanca bark (*C. strigosa*) and related species are traditionally used in South American health practices. Despite this, information on interactions and adverse events is sparse. Currently, there are no known cautions or interactions, though this may change with additional research and new knowledge. In a study with mice, no toxic effects were found when used in accordance with OECD TG 423 guidelines.<sup>11</sup>

Safety is not documented in breastfeeding or pregnant women, or in children under age 3, due to insufficient safety research.

\*This statement has not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to treat, cure, or prevent any diseases.

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