

Cultural Plants of The Cherokee

TOMMY CABE

Introduction

- Harvesting, Cultivating and Efforts
- History of utilization
- Management Past and Present

Topics of Discussion

- Impacts of growth and non-traditional use
- Preserving Native Knowledge

Harvesting, Cultivating and Efforts

- Seasonal Harvesting usually spring through the fall (especially with most edible plants)
- Festival Events (Ramp Festival)
- Cultivating - Community Seminars along with local agencies (TEO, NRCS, GSMNPS)
- Techniques

History of Utilization

- River Bottom Settlements where most of the plants were abundant
- Some plants where used for medicinal purposes
- Others where used for food
- Ceremonial harvesting
- Cleansing using the River (Long Man)

Management Past and Present

- Historical management using fire
- Cultural Knowledge preserved
- Management efforts such as food plots and cultural plots
- Restoration efforts on river banks using native seed
- Present utilization of all cultural plants through public surveys and outreach events
- On the ground projects and monitoring

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What This Means

- Add a strong statement that summarizes how you feel or think about this topic
- Summarize key points you want your audience to remember

Next Steps

- Summarize any actions required of your audience
- Summarize any follow up action items required of you