

## Caesalpinia sepiaria - Yun Shih

- Leguminosae - Tropical and warm zones



**RITUAL EMPLOYMENT:** This plant was reputedly used in China as hallucinogen, this is nearly all we know about this plant. 'Plants of the Gods, is the only reference on this plant, the roots, seeds and flowers are valued for their medicinal properties.

**USAGE:** Flowers are used, exact preparation is not known.

**ACTIVE PRINCIPLES:** An alkaloid of unknown structure has been reported from Caesalpinia Sepiaria.

**EFFECTS:** The earliest chines herbal doctor stated that the 'flowers could enable one to see spirits and, when taken in excess, cause one to stagger madly,. If consumed over a long period, they produce levitation and 'communication with the spirits.'