

Dutchman's Pipe

Aristolochia macrophylla



When to plant: Spring (perennial)

When to Harvest: Harvest seeds once they have dried on the vine

Uses in medicine: The root used to be harvested in the fall and dried for later use for anticancer and antiseptic properties, although the aristolochic acid is controversial, so it is no longer used.

Uses in nature: Host plants for swallowtail butterflies (provides larval food source). The flowers also emit an odor which attracts flies and aids in pollination.