20/20 Tincture



PROFESSIONAL GRADE

DIETARY SUPPLEMENT

2 fl. oz. (ml. 59.15)

48

Liquid Servings **Night Vision**

Macular Degeneration

Lutein & Zeaxanthin

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20/20 Tincture Available in 48 Serving Liquid

• **Eyebright (Euphrasia spp)** is traditionally used to relieve acute irritation of the eyes and nasal passages, characterized by mucus production, itching, and tearing. Herbalists and homeopaths frequently recommend Euphrasia for allergy symptoms localized to the eyes.

• White Pond Lily is an aquatic plant foound in streams, marshes, and ponds throughout North America. Medicinal uses of white pond lily include as an astringent, pain-killer, and demulcent, among others. White pond lily is unique in that it has both astringent properties as well as being mucilaginous and soothing to mucous membranes. Native Americans used white pond lily for diarrhea and applied it topically to sores. Traditional Chinese Medicine healers have many uses for white pond lily, including for eye inflammation.

• **Ginkgo Biloba** is widely used in China, France, and Germany to prevent progression of age-related macular degeneration, with some research studies showing improvement in vision. Ginkgo can increase circulation to the optic nerve, help reduce free radical damage, and perhaps play a role in preventing blindness caused by glaucoma.

• Horsetail is one of the oldest species of plants on earth. Its name derives from its brush-like appearance. Horsetail, also called Equisetum arvense or shavegrass, offers a concentrated source of minerals, particularly silica. This important nutrient is beneficial for skin, hair, nails, bones, and connective tissue. In Traditional Chinese medicine, horsetail is used for eye disorders, particularly the typical eye symptoms associated with allergies.

While herbs are useful for improving eye health, diet can also play a vitally important role. For eye care, the diet should incorporate foods rich in carotenoids and flavanoids, such as sweet potatoes, yellow squash, carrots, red peppers, dried apricots, beets, dark leafy greens, tomatoes, and dulse (a type of seaweed). Turmeric and green tea may also be helpful dietary additions.

• **Bilberry and Blueberry** are related plants used by humans for both medicine and food. Bilberry fruit contains anthocyanosides: plant pigments rich in antioxidants. Anthocyanosides strengthen blood vessels, improve circulation, prevent platelet aggregation, and enhance rhodopsin production which improves night vision. British fighter pilots in World War II reportedly experienced improved night vision after regular ingestion of bilberry jam. Blueberries also contain antioxidants in the form of carotenoids such as lutein and zeaxanthin. Antioxidants help to scavenge free radicals and prevent cellular damage.

• Chinese Chrysanthemum Flowers and Lycium chinensis are used in Traditional Chinese medicine to improve circulation, eye problems, and allergies affecting the eyes. Chrysanthemum contains antioxidants and is thought to be a good source of lutein, a carotenoid. Lutein (and other carotenoids) have been shown to decrease the risk of cataracts. Lutein might reduce the risk of agerelated macular degeneration, improve visual function, and reduce ocular inflammation. Some researchers hypothesize that macular degeneration and cataract formation are the result of oxidative stress, and that cataracts are a self-defense reaction to protect the retina from oxidative damage. They further theorize that using the powerful retinal antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin will reduce the likelihood of cataracts and age-related macular degeneration. Lycium chinensis fruit, also known as goji berry, is rich in flavonoids which strengthen vascular integrity and are potent antioxidants. In Traditional Chinese medicine, lycium is used to strengthen visual acuity.

• **Passion Flower** is used by herbalists for many complaints and is included in 20/20 for its affinity for the eyes. Specifically, passion flower may help with eye strain. Passion flower can be sedating so is best taken in small doses or at bedtime until you know how it affects you.

• **Plantain** is a common weed with many uses. Also called Plantago, plantain leaf and seed are used in both western and Chinese herbal medicine for various disease conditions including constipation, diarrhea, and more. In Chinese medicine, plantain is sometimes combined with other herbs like chrysanthemum flowers for improving vision and reducing conjunctival congestion.

SUPPLEMENT FACTS Serving Size: 1 Full Dropper Servings Per Container: 48 Evebright Herb (Euphrasia officinalis) White Pond Lily (Nymphaea spp.) Gingko biloba leaf Horsetail Herb (Equisetum arvense) Bilberry (Vaccinium myrtillus) Blueberry Goji Berries Passion Flower Herb (Passiflora incarnata) Chrysanthemum flowers (Chrysanthemum morifolium) **Plantain Herb** (Plantago spp.) Lycium fruit

(Lycium chinensis)

Suggested Use: 1-2 droppers, 1-2 times daily, add to water or juice.

Warning: If you are pregnant or nursing, or taking any medications, please consult your health care practitioner before taking this or any herbal product. Not to be used with blood thinning medications like Coumadin.



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