

Tannin Purification

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Methods for purification of either hydrolyzable or condensed tannins are now widely available, so that an increasing amount of work has been done with purified compounds rather than with poorly characterized mixtures. The success of any attempt to purify tannins from plant tissues depends in large part on the methods used for tissue preservation, grinding and extraction. Purity of the products can be assessed either by TLC, or by HPLC. Structures can be established either by degradative functional group methods or by spectroscopic methods.