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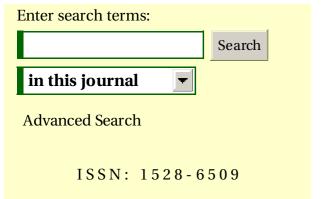
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Abstract

This study examines the relation between folk expertise and w Little Dixie, a seven-county vernacular cultural region in centr pile-sort task was administered to ten local wild plant "experts Euro-American descent to investigate how ethnobotanical knot cognitive construction of folk taxonomies. The results indicate plants according to utilitarian features (e.g., edibility, medicina (e.g., herbs, trees) while novices rely almost exclusively on mothe classification strategies of experts and novices are substant categorization system is common to both groups. Novices var than experts, which is explained by the novices' use of a highly classification system and the experts' mastery of alternate way plant domain. These findings strongly suggest that ethnobotar fundamentally on the recognition of ostensible perceptual fea

progressively guided by the recognition of culturally learned f





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