

# Wormwood "Powis Castle"

*Artemisia arborescens x absinthium*



It is an evergreen shrub, gray stem with a thin fuzz, which can grow up to a meter and a half.

The leaves are gray, very aromatic and sometimes presents yellow flower in summer.

More info:

[https://www.amu.bio/\\_wormwood\\_powis\\_castle](https://www.amu.bio/_wormwood_powis_castle)

## Cultivation

The multiplication of this plant is done by cuttings.

Needs good sun exposure and well-drained soil but not necessarily fertile.

Pruning is recommended in the spring to maintain the good appearance of the plant.

## History

It is said to have its origin in Wales at Powis Castle.

It is sometimes called "poison" and "herb of medicinal value" too. Its Latin name, Artemisa, was given in honor of Artemis, the goddess of hunt of Greek mythology.

The intense bitter, tonic and stimulating qualities have made wormwood plant not only an ingredient for traditional medicinal preparations, but also for various liquors, which absinthe is the most popular. This liquor was widely used throughout the ages, especially in the nineteenth century by painters, writers and others who would be influenced by hallucinogenic properties of the drink, though banned in a number of European countries,

is common in the commercialization of its extract, often consumed in modern flaming drinks.

### **Utilization**

Used at home to fight aphids, whitefly, spider mite, fleas, moths and even flies.

It is also recommended to combat intestinal parasites, and in the treatment of skin inflammations.