

# Carrot Root Benefits – Nourishing Tonic for Digestion, Skin & Hormonal Vitality

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## Botanical Profile

- Latin Name: *Daucus carota* (subsp. *sativus* for cultivated carrot, subsp. *carota* for wild)
- Alternative Names: Wild Carrot, Queen Anne's Lace (for wild variety)
- Plant Family: Apiaceae (Parsley family)
- Parts Used: Root (primarily), seeds (for wild type)
- Origin: Native to Europe and southwestern Asia, now grown worldwide

Carrot Root is more than just a beloved vegetable—it holds powerful nutritive and tonic properties that nourish the digestive tract, liver, skin, and hormonal system. Rich in vitamins, antioxidants, and carotenoids, it's particularly suited to restoring vitality in depleted states and gently supporting detoxification. At Peridotflow Wellness Centre, we celebrate Carrot Root for its radiant orange medicine, reminding the body of sunlight, nourishment, and gentle reawakening from within.

## **Nourishes and Rejuvenates the Skin**

Carrot Root is packed with beta-carotene, a precursor to vitamin A, which supports skin renewal, collagen health, and antioxidant protection. It helps to repair dry, flaky, or inflamed skin while promoting elasticity and natural glow. Herbalists use it both internally and externally to help conditions like eczema, psoriasis, and sun damage. As a food and medicine, it encourages skin radiance by nourishing from the inside out, feeding cells the nutrients needed for healing and hydration.

## **Supports Digestive and Liver Function**

As a sweet, warming root with mild bitterness, Carrot Root gently stimulates the digestive system. It improves bile flow, supports liver detoxification, and helps ease constipation and sluggish digestion. Its fiber content feeds beneficial gut flora and assists with regular elimination. Carrot juice or decoctions are traditionally used to soothe digestive inflammation and nourish the gut lining—especially helpful for individuals recovering from illness or on cleansing protocols.

## **Balances Hormones and Supports Fertility**

Carrot Root offers subtle hormonal support, especially for individuals with irregular cycles, perimenopausal symptoms, or depleted endocrine function. Its rich nutrient profile supports hormone synthesis and clearance, while its liver-supporting action helps metabolise excess

estrogen. In traditional Western and Eastern approaches, carrots have been valued as a fertility tonic, improving overall reproductive vitality and libido. When taken regularly as food or in decoction, they help build inner strength and hormone harmony.

### **Strengthens Vision and Eye Health**

With its high content of carotenoids, particularly beta-carotene, Carrot Root is a classic remedy for eye support. These antioxidants protect against oxidative stress, improve night vision, and reduce the risk of macular degeneration. Traditional wisdom has long held that carrots ‘help you see in the dark’—a statement backed by modern science. As part of a daily routine, they nourish ocular tissues and prevent degeneration over time.

### **Restores Energy in Deficient States**

Carrot Root is a nutritive tonic ideal for those recovering from illness, burnout, or nutritional depletion. Its warming, sweet nature strengthens digestion, rebuilds tissues, and provides sustainable energy without stimulation. For children, elders, or anyone with weakened vitality, it is easily digested and deeply nourishing. Whether taken as a fresh juice, broth infusion, or gently simmered decoction, it offers gentle restoration and grounding from the root upward.

### **Folklore & History**

Carrots have been cultivated for over a thousand years, originally grown for their medicinal seeds before the root gained popularity. In ancient Persia and Rome, they were used to stimulate digestion, soothe the stomach, and increase libido. Wild carrot, also known as Queen Anne’s Lace, carries a strong folklore lineage as a fertility herb and was sometimes used as a contraceptive. In modern herbalism, the cultivated root is celebrated more for nourishment and restoration than for its wild cousin’s potent seed medicine.

### **Traditional Usage**

Traditionally consumed as food, decoction, juice, or poultice. Fresh carrot juice is considered a superior restorative for skin, liver, and digestion. Carrot root decoction is used for gut inflammation, while mashed carrot can be applied externally to soothe burns, rashes, and irritation. The root’s versatility makes it an ideal food-as-medicine staple—warming, building, and balancing.

### **Herbal Actions**

Nutritive tonic, Hepatic, Mild alterative, Demulcent (when cooked), Carminative (slightly), Restorative

## Energetics & Tissue States

Temperature: Warming

Moisture: Moistening

Tissue States: Dry, Cold, Deficient, Sluggish

## Active Compounds

- Beta-carotene (pro-vitamin A) – Skin, eye, and immune support
- Carotenoids – Antioxidants that reduce inflammation
- Pectin – Fiber for digestion and gut flora balance
- Volatile oils (trace) – Carminative and mild liver stimulant
- Vitamins & Minerals – Including vitamins A, C, K, potassium, and magnesium

## Dosage & Preparation

- Juice: 100–250 ml fresh carrot juice daily for detox or skin health
- Decoction: 1 cup root (chopped), simmered in 1 L water for 30 min; drink warm or cool
- Food: Steamed, roasted, or pureed for nutritional support
- Topical: Mashed or grated root applied to skin complaints, burns, or inflammation

## Safety & Contraindications

- Generally safe for all ages, including children and pregnancy
- Excessive beta-carotene may cause harmless skin yellowing (carotenemia)
- Ensure wild carrot is not confused with toxic lookalikes if foraging

## Herbal Pairings

- Dandelion Root – for enhanced liver and skin support
- Calendula – for lymphatic and skin healing synergy
- Ginger – for warming and circulatory boost
- Marshmallow Root – for soothing gut and digestive lining
- Nettle Leaf – for additional mineral nourishment

## Peridotflow Perspective

Carrot Root is the medicine of sunlight and soil—nourishing our inner light while grounding us in strength. At Peridotflow, we see it as a root of resilience, rebuilding the nervous system, liver, and skin with gentle sweetness. Perfect for those in recovery, transition, or needing nourishment at the root level, Carrot reminds us that food is healing, and that healing can be as simple as turning toward the earth's gifts.