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# "Medicinal Plants in New Zealand: Bridging the Gap between Medical and Environmental History"

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Medical historians often presume that nineteenth century European settlers of New Zealand and other parts of the world relied on emerging inorganic medicines and colonial doctors to maintain their health. However, there is also another story that seems to be overlooked: that of the use of medicine plants by settlers. For these medicinal purposes settlers introduced many new plants from overseas. The guest on this edition of the podcast is Joanna Bishop, author of a study uncovering the story of the introduction and use of medicinal plants in New Zealand and their botanical, medical, and environmental histories.

Medicinal plants in New Zealand: bridging the gap between medical and environmental history (9.89 MB)

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