

# As The Crow Fly's

Tis the time of year!

## Herbal Tea Fertilizer

What could be easier or safer than using an herbal tea to fertilize your outdoor and indoor plants.

- 1 oz nettles
- 1 oz alfalfa
- 1 gallon water

In a pan, bring water to almost a boil. Combine the herbs. Pour the hot water over the herbs and let the mixture sit over night. Strain mixture, reserving both the water and the herb. The herbs may be reused a second time or placed on the mulch pile. To use, the tea may be sprayed on your plants or water your plants with this nutritious tea. Water house plants every 2 weeks with the tea. Outdoor plants should be watered weekly.



## Quassia Tea Spray

Quassia is a tree that grows in Latin America. The wood from it is used to prepare a spray. Aphids, beetles, flies and caterpillars can all be controlled with this spray.

- 1/4 cup quassia wood
- 1 quart water

In a sauce pan, combine the quassia wood and the cold water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer gently for 20-30 minutes. Cool and strain; pour into a spray bottle. To use, spray the quassia tea onto the plant; be sure to coat all the plant's surfaces. The treatment can be repeated one or two times weekly until pests are controlled.

## Powdery Mildew, Soft Scale, Spider Mites, Aphids, White Fly

I have used this spray with on my old fashion flocks, vegetables, my bay tree and most any other plant that needs some help. It works well, but must be reapplied weekly or so for continuing success for powdery mildew.

- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. dish soap (mild) or castile soap
- 1 tsp. Neem oil
- 1 quart warm water

Coat tops and bottoms of leaves.

Always,  
Chris