

BEANS FROM COFFEE BEAN TREE USED AS COFFEE SUBSTITUTE

(Now these coffee beans--how do you call those?)

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(And how did you fix those to make the coffee or tea?)

They used to know to roast them.

(Is this while they're still in the pod?)

They take them off the pod and boil--I mean, roast--that little black bean in there. And then when it's kinda burned black, well, they grind it. It tastes something like coffee, but not too good. I've tasted it.

(When they ground it, did they just put it in one of those coffee mills?)

Yeah. I've got a can of them somewhere. I picked them up. I always play poker with my grandkids. They're in a little can. They're about that big.

(About as big around as thumbnail.)

(A long time ago did they ever used to pick this wild tea and dry it?)

Yeah, they used to dry it. Just pick it and then tie it together and hang it up and let it dry. Then after it's dry they used to take the leaves off the stem and put it away.

(Did they ever use that if you're sick or anything--too?)

No. They had different kind of weeds. I don't know what kind, but they used to use this to drink when they eat.

(Did they ever sweeten it?)

Yeah, they used to sweeten it. Just like any other kind of tea.

WILD PLUMS, DRYING AND PREPARATION OF

(You were mentioning these plums--how did they used to fix their plums?)

They used to have them and they would let them ripen--get soft. Then when they get soft they done the same thing--(pounding gesture).

(Pound them up on a stone like this?)