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(What kind of leaves does it have?)

It has a kind of a gray, gray--it's kinda light under and kinda gray on top.

(Does it have a flower ever?)

I never see any. I never see no flower on it.

(What time of year is it ready?)

Right now.

(It is, does it grow around here?)

It used to grow 'around here, but I don't see it anymore.

(Well, how do they fix the tea out of it?)

Well, just like this--just like this other tea. Hot water--you get hot water and first you can wash that--when she gets it. You wash it, then put it in some bucket or something. And put hot water on it, and your tea's ready.

(Did you have to put sugar in it?)

Uh-huh. Yeah, you put sugar in it.

(Did they drink it very much?)

They used to drink it all the time. I know I used to like to drink it. I don't know why not, if I like to drink it.

(Did they ever dry the leaves and save it?)

I guess they did. I never learn or nothing I didn't see 'em. They can dry it easy. I know they can dry it easy.

(I'd sure like to find it sometimes.)

Uh-huh, I don't know, I don't hardly see it.

AMERICAN LOTUS

(Oh you know the other plant that we talked about last time, is that stuff that grows in the water---mud bananas?)

Oh, you have hard digging them. You just have to be all muddy. It's 'bout that