

Poisonous Plants

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Buttonbush Cephalanthus occidentalis Leaves	Buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Leaves
*Castor Bean, Rosary Pea ⁵ Ricinus communis Entire plant	*Castor Bean, Rosary Pea ⁵	Ricinus communis	Entire plant
Cestrum sp. Leafy shoots	Cestrum	Cestrum sp.	Leafy shoots
Cherries (wild/cultivated) ²² Prunus sp. Seeds, leaves	Cherries (wild/cultivated) ²²	Prunus sp.	Seeds, leaves
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· ·	Coffeeberry	Rhamnus californica	Sap, fruit ^D
*Crocus, Autumn/Meadow Saffron9 Colchicum sp. Entire plant	_	Colchicum sp.	•
Crown-of-Thorns Euphorbia milii Sap D		•	·
*Cyclamen sp. Tuber	*Cyclamen	•	•
*Daffodil1 Narcissus sp. Bulbs	•	·	Bulbs
*Daphne ¹⁵ Daphne sp. Bark, leaves, fruit	*Daphne ¹⁵	•	Bark, leaves, fruit
*Delphinium ⁷ Delphinium sp. Young plants, seeds		•	
Dumb Cane ⁴ Dieffenbachia sp. Stems, leaves	•	•	.
Dutchman's Breeches ¹³ Dicentra cucullaria Leaves, tubers	Dutchman's Breeches ¹³	•	
Elderberry Sambucus sp. All parts except fruits	Elderberry	Sambucus sp.	
Elephant's Ear Alocasia sp. Entire plant	•	•	•
Elephant's Ear Colocasia esculenta Entire plant	•	•	•
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Euphorbia sp. Milky sap D		-	•
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*Four O'clock Mirabilis jalapa Root, seeds			•

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*Foxglove ¹²	Digitalis purpurea	Entire plant
*Goldenchain	Laburnum sp.	Seedpods, leaves
Hemlock, Poison ³⁰	Conium maculatum	Entire plant
Hemlock, Water ³¹	Cicuta douglasii	Entire plant
Holly, English	Ilex aquifolium	Berries
Horsechestnut	Aesculus sp.	Leaves, fruit
Huckleberry, Garden	Solanthus nigrus	Unripe berries, leaves
*Hyacinth¹	Hyacinthus sp.	Bulbs
Hydrangea	Hydrangea macrophylla	Leaves
Impatiens	Impatiens sp.	Young stems, leaves
Iris ¹¹	Iris sp.	Rhisomes ^D
Ivy, English	Hedera helix	Leaves, berries
Ivy, German	Senecio mikanioides	Leaves, stems
Ivy, Ground	Glechoma hederacea	Leaves, stems
	or Nepeta hederacea	
Jack-in-the-Pulpit ²⁶	Ariseama triphyllum	Entire plant
Jerusalem Cherry	Solanum pseudocapsicum	Fruit
Jessamine, Caroline	Gelsemium sempervirens	Entire plant ^D
Jessamine, Night ¹⁹	Cestrum nocturnum	Leafy shoots
Jimson Weed ³²	Brugmansia sp. or Datura sp.	Entire plant
Lantana ²⁰	Lantana sp.	Foliage
*Larkspur ⁷	Consolida ambigua or Delphinium ajacis	Young plants, seeds
*Laurel, Australian ¹⁸	Pittosporum sp.	Entire plant
*Laurel, Mountain ¹⁸	Kalmia latifolia	Leaves, flowers
*Lily-of-the-Valley ¹⁰	Convallaris majalis	Leaves, flowers
Lily, Crinum	Crinum sp.	Bulbs
Lily, Glory or Climbing	Gloriosa rothschildiana	Entire plant
Lily, Naked Lady	Brunsvigia rosea or Amaryllis belladonna	Bulbs
Lily, Spider	Hymenocallis sp.	Bulbs
Lily, Spider	Lycoris sp.	Bulbs
Lily, Zephyr	Zephyranthes sp.	Leaves, bulbs
Lobelia	Lobelia sp.	Entire plant ^D
Locust, Black ²⁵	Robinia pseudoacacia	Young shoots, bark, seeds
Lupine	Lupinus sp.	Leaves, seeds, pods
Marigold, Desert	Baileya multiradiata	Entire plant
Matrimony Vine	Lycium barbarum or halimifolium	Leaves, young shoots
Milkweed	Asclepias sp.	Leaves, stems
*Mistletoe ⁶	Phoradendron sp.	Berries
Mock Orange	Philadelphus sp.	Fruit
*Monkshood ⁸	Aconitum	Entire plant, esp. roots, seeds
Moonflower	Ipomoea alba or Calonyction aculeatum	Seeds
Morning Glory ²⁷	Ipomoea sp.	Seeds
Myoporum	Myporum laetum	Leaves
Narcissus ¹	Narcissus sp.	Bulbs
Nightshade	Solanum nigura	Unripe berries, leaves
Nightshade, Black	Solanum modiflorum	Unripe berries, leaves

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Toxicity symptoms of some of the common poisonous plants

- 1. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. May be fatal.
- 2. Extremely poisonous. Affects the heart, produces severe digestive upset and has caused death.
- 3. Fatal. One leaf can kill a child.
- 4. Intense burning and irritation of the mouth and tongue. Death can occur if base of the tongue swells enough to block the air passage of the throat.
- 5. Fatal. A single bean/pea has caused death. One or two are near the lethal dose for adults.
- 6. Fatal. Both children and adults have died from eating the berries.
- 7. Digestive upset, nervous excitement, and depression. May be fatal.
- 8. Digestive upset and nervous excitement.
- 9. Vomiting and nervous excitement.
- 10. Irregular heartbeat and pulse, usually accompanied by digestive upset and mental confusion.
- 11. Severe, but not usually serious, digestive upset.
- 12. One of the sources of the drug digitalis—used to stimulate the heart. In large amounts the active principles cause dangerous irregular heartbeat and pulse. Usually digestive upset and mental confusion. May be fatal.
- 13. May be poisonous in large amounts.
- 14. Fatal. Large amounts of raw or cooked leaves can cause convulsions and coma, followed rapidly by death.
- 15. Fatal. A few berries can kill a child.
- 16. Mild to severe digestive upset. Many children are poisoned by this plant.
- 17. Severe poisoning. Excitement, staggering, convulsions and coma. May be fatal.
- 18. Fatal. Produces nausea and vomiting, depression, difficult breathing, prostration and coma.
- 19. Fatal. Digestive disturbances and nervous symptoms.
- 20. Fatal. Affects lungs, kidneys, heart, and nervous symptoms.
- 21. Fatal. Foliage more toxic than berries. Death is usually sudden without symptoms.
- 22. Fatal. Contains a compound that releases cyanide when eaten. Gasping, excitement and prostration are common symptoms that appear within minutes.
- 23. Affects kidneys gradually. Symptoms appear only after several days or weeks. Takes a large amount for poisoning. Children should not be allowed to chew on acorns.
- 24. Children have been poisoned by using pieces of the pithy stems for blowguns. Nausea and digestive upsets.
- 25. Children have suffered nausea, weakness and depression after chewing the bark and seeds.
- 26. Like dumb cane, contains small needle-like crystals of calcium oxalate that causes intense irritation and burning of the mouth and tongue.
- 27. Blue/purple color resembling wild grapes. Contains a single seed. (The wild grape contains several small seeds.) May be fatal.
- 28. Sweet Peas contain a poison that causes a form of paralysis. It is seldom fatal, but it can keep a victim bedridden for months.
- 29. One tulip bulb contains enough poison to kill a man.
- 30. Fatal. Resembles a large wild carrot. Used in ancient Greece to kill condemned prisoners.
- 31. Fatal. Violent and painful convulsions.
- 32. Abnormal thirst, distorted sight, delirium, incoherence and coma. Has proved fatal.