



Plants That Poison

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The most innocent looking, even the most beautiful plant in the garden, windowbox, or field may be a potential killer or cause serious illness if eaten. The following list was compiled from a variety of poison plant lists that have been previously printed in many forms of reading matter. The purpose of this list is to make you aware of the plants that are potentially dangerous to pets AND humans. Every effort has been made to further identify these plants, but in some cases only the name of the plant is known, along with the fact that some portion of the plant is dangerous. Even though you may have noticed your pet eating some portion of a plant herein listed without any noticeable harmful effects, that does not preclude the possibility of danger. Please check your home and yard and attempt to distinguish the poisonous plants and isolate them away from your pets and young children.

ACOKANTHERA, fruit and flowers
 ACONITE (MONKSHOOD), roots, flowers & leaves
 ANENOME, wildflower
 AMARYLLIS (A. Belladonna), bulbs contain alkaloids
 ANGEL TRUMPET TREE, flowers and leaves
 APPLE SEEDS, see Cherry Laurel
 APRICOT SEEDS, see Cherry Laurel
 ATROPA BELLADONNA, all parts esp. black berries
 AUTUMN CROCUS, bulbs
 AZALEAS, RHODODENDRON, all parts are fatal
 BANE BERRY, Doll's eyes, red or white berries, roots and foliage
 BEACH PEA
 BETEL NUT PALM, all parts
 BITTERSWEET, berries
 BLACK LOCUST, bark, sprouts and foliage
 BLEEDING HEART (Dutchman's Breeches), roots and foliage
 BLUEBONNETS, all parts
 BOTTLEBRUSH, flowers
 BOXWOOD, all parts
 BUCKEYE HORSE CHESTNUT, sprouts & nuts
 BUTTERCUP, all parts
 CALADIUM, all parts
 CALLA LILLY, all parts
 CAROLINE JESSAMINE, flowers, leaves, stems
 CASAVA, roots
 CASTOR BEAN, seeds are fatal
 CHERRIES (wild & cultivated), twigs and foliage
 CHERRY LAUREL, all parts are very dangerous (contains hydrocyanic acids)
 CHERRY SEEDS, see CHERRY LAUREL
 CHINA BERRY TREE, berries are poisonous

CHRISTMAS BERRY, berries
 CHRISTMAS ROSE, all parts, esp. leaves
 COLUMBINE, all parts
 COMMON PRIVET, black or blue wax coated berries & leaves
 CROCUS, all bulbs
 CROTON, inside plants are safe; outdoor plants are dangerous
 DAPHNE, the berries are fatal
 DAFFODIL, bulbs may be fatal
 DEATH-CAMAS, all parts (judge by name)
 DEADLY NIGHTSHADE, all parts
 DELPHINIUM (LARKSPUR annual), all parts
 DESTROYING ANGEL (DEATH CAP), all parts
 DIEFFENBACHIA (DUMB CANE), all parts
 DOGWOOD, fruit slightly poisonous
 ELDERBERRY, leaves, shoots, & bark
 ELEPHANT EARS, entire plant & fruit
 ENGLISH IVY, berries
 EUPHORBIA (SPURGE or CROWN OF THORNS), leaves & flowers
 FALSE-HELIEBORE, all parts are poisonous, and the roots are deadly
 FOXGLOVE, all parts are fatal
 FLY AGARIC, all parts
 FOUR O'CLOCK, whole plant
 GELSEMIUM, whole plant
 GOLDEN CHAIN, seeds and pod may be fatal
 HELIEBORE, all parts
 HEMLOCK ROOTS, all parts
 HENBANE, all parts
 HOLLY, leaves and berries
 HORSE CHESTNUT, all parts
 HORSETAIL REED, all parts
 HYACINTH, bulbs can be fatal
 HYDRANGEA, whole plant

IMPATIENS (BALSAM, TOUCH-ME-NOT, SNAPWEED), whole plant
 IRIS, underground stems
 IVY, all parts
 JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT, root is irritant & astringent
 JASMINE, YELLOW, all parts
 JATROPHA (PSYCHIC NUT), seeds & oil
 JERUSALEM CHERRY, fruits & leaves
 JESSAMINE, berries are fatal
 JIMSON WEED, all parts
 LAMBKILL (SHEEP LAUREL), leaves
 LANTANA CAMARA (RED SAGE), green berries are fatal
 LARKSPUR (DELPHINIUM), foliage and roots are dangerous, seeds may be fatal
 LAURELS, all parts are fatal
 LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY, all parts
 LOBELIA (CARDINAL FLOWER), all parts
 LOCOWEED, all parts
 LUPINE, seeds
 MACHINEEL, all parts
 MARIJUANA, all parts
 MAT APPLE, all parts
 MESCAL, all parts
 MILKWEED, all parts
 MISTLETOE, plant is poisonous, berries are fatal
 MOCCASIN FLOWER (LADY SLIPPER), all parts
 MOCK ORANGE, all parts
 MONKSHOOD, foliage & fleshy roots
 MOONSEED, berries may be fatal
 MORNING GLORIES, all parts
 MOUNTAIN LAUREL, young leaves & shoots are fatal
 MUSHROOMS & TOADSTOOLS
 NARCISSUS (DAFFODIL), bulbs can be fatal
 NATAL CHERRY, berries
 NICOTLANA (wild & cultivated), leaves
 NIGHTSHADES (HORSE NETTLE), all parts, esp. unripe berries

 OAKS, foliage and acorns
 OLEANDER, all parts can be fatal
 PEACH SEEDS, see CHERRY LAUREL
 PEAR SEEDS, see CHERRY LAUREL
 PEONY, all parts
 PERIWINKLE, whole plant
 PHILODENDRON, leaves and sap
 PINKS (SWEET WILLIAM), all parts
 PLUM SEEDS, see CHERRY LAUREL
 POKEWEED (POKEBERRY), roots are dangerous
 POINSETTIA, leaves and sap are fatal
 POISON HEMLOCK, all parts (judge by

name)
 POISON IVY, all parts
 POISON OAK, all parts
 POISON SUMAC, all parts
 POPPY, all, except California Poppy, are dangerous
 POTATO, sprouts and foliage are fatal
 PRIVET, leaves and fruits
 RANUNCULUS, all parts
 REDWOOD, dangerous to aquatic animals
 RHODODENDRON, all parts are fatal
 RHUBARB, leaves and leaf blade are fatal. Only the stems are cooked for human consumption
 ROSARY PEAS (JEQUINCY BEAN, CRAB'S EYE, PRECATORY BEAN), seeds commonly called "beans" are fatal
 ROSEMARY, leaves of certain varieties are ok; others are poisonous

 SAGE, leaves of certain varieties are harmless; others are poisonous
 SCOTCH BROOM, all parts
 SENECIO, whole plant
 SKUNK CABBAGE, roots
 SNAPDRAGON, all parts
 SQUIRREL CORN, all parts
 STAR-OF-BETHLEHEM, all parts
 STRANOMIUM, all parts
 SWEET PEA, stems
 TANSY, all parts
 TARO (ELEPHANT'S EAR), stems and leaves
 TIGER LILY, all parts
 TOADSTOOLS
 TOBACCO PLANTS, all parts
 TOMATO, foliage and vines
 TULIP, bulbs
 TRUMPET VINE, all parts
 VENUS FLYTRAP, all parts
 WATER HEMLOCK, all parts fatal
 WILD BLACK CHERRY (CHOKECHERRY, RUM CHERRY), the withered leaves are very poisonous
 WISTERIA, seeds and pods

 YELLOW JASMINE, all parts
 YELLOW OLEANDER, all parts, esp. kernels of the fruit
 YEWS, foliage and berries

