

**Poisonous and Injurious Garden Plants**

The focus of this fact sheet is on garden plants, not house plants, vegetables nor herbs.

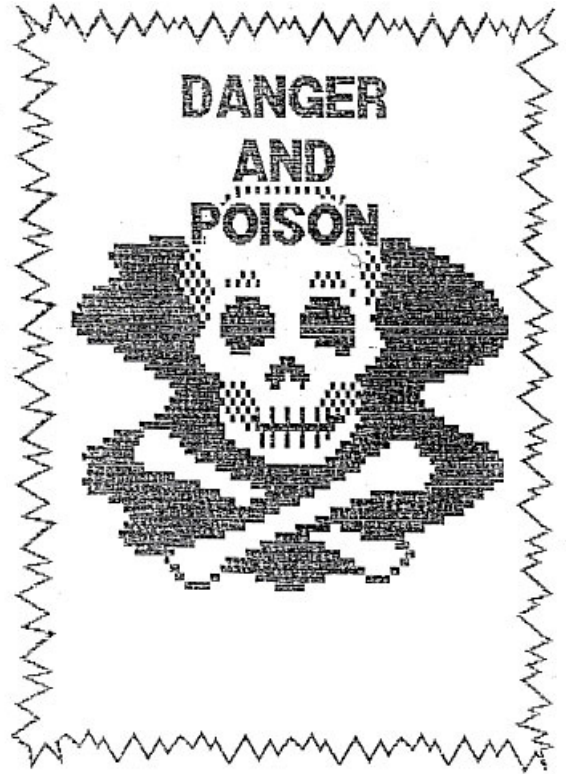
The word POISON may excite unnecessary fear. Some people are more sensitive than others and reactions vary from mild irritation to highly toxic.

It is important never to assume a plant is not poisonous because birds or wildlife eat it. Never eat any part of an unknown plant or mushroom.

Most reported cases involve children under age three. Therefore, it is most important to teach children never to put any part of any plant from a garden park or open space into their mouths.

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Reactions to the following list of garden plants can be either by contact (dermatitis) or by eating the plant (ingestion).



PLANT NAME

BOTANICAL	COMMON	TOXIC PART	SYMPTOMS
<i>Achillea</i>	Yarrow	All parts	External irritant
<i>Aconitum</i>	Monkshood	All parts	Digestive upset, juice in plant parts is fatal
<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	White baneberry	Berries, roots	Inflammation, blistering
<i>Actaea rubra</i>	Red baneberry	Berries, roots	Inflammation, blistering
<i>Adonis vernalis</i>	Pheasant eye	All parts	Digestive upset
<i>Aesculus hippocatanum</i>	Horse Chestnut	Nuts, leaves, fruits	Nausea, twitching muscles
<i>Allium</i>	Wild Onion	Bulbs	Contact Dermatitis
<i>Amanita sp.</i>	Wild Mushroom	All parts	Severe digestive upset, death
<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	Belladonna Lily	Bulbs	Digestive upset
<i>Anemone patens</i>	Pasque flower	All parts	External irritant
<i>Azaleas</i>		All parts	Nausea vomiting, difficulty breathing, prostration, coma, death.
<i>Arisaema truphyllum</i>	Jack in the Pulpit	All parts	Intense irritation and burning of tongue and mouth.
<i>Acubua Japonica</i>	Japanese	Fruit	Digestive upset

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	Aucuba		
<i>Baptisia leucantha</i>	False Indigo	All parts	Digestive upset
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	All parts	External irritant
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Carolina Allspice	Seeds	Digestive upset
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Vine	All parts	Contact dermatitis
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	Bittersweet	Leaves, Seeds, Roots	Vomiting, diarrhea, chills, convulsions, coma
<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	Mums	All parts	Contact Dermatitis
<i>Clematis</i>	Virgins Bower	All parts	External irritant, digestive upset
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	Autumn Crocus	All parts	Digestive upset
<i>Convallaria Majalis</i>	Lily of the Valley	Leaves and flowers	Irregular heartbeat, digestive upset, mental confusion, death.
<i>Crinum asiaticum</i>	Crinum	All parts	Digestive upset
<i>Cypripedium</i>	Lady Slipper	All parts	Contact dermatitis
<i>Datura stramonium</i>	Jimson Weed	All parts	Abnormal thirst, distorts vision, delirium, incoherence, coma
<i>Daphne</i>		Berries Red and Yellow	Severe burns to mouth and digestive tract, coma death
<i>Dausus carota</i>	Queen Anneslace	All parts	Contact dermatitis
<i>Delphinium</i>	Larkspur	Young plants, seeds	Nausea, twitching muscles, paralysis, death
<i>Ducentra</i>	Bleeding Heart	Foliage, Roots	Nervous symptoms, convulsion
<i>Digitalis Purpurea</i>	Foxglove	All parts	Irregular heartbeat, digestive upset, mental confusion, death
<i>Dictamnus albus</i>	Gasplant	Leaves, seed pods	Contact dermatitis
<i>Erigeron philadelphicus</i>	Fleabane	All parts	Contact dermatitis
<i>Euonymus Americana</i>	Strawberry Bush	Fruit	Digestive upset
<i>Euphorbia marginata</i>	Snow on the Mountain	Milky Juice	Contact dermatitis
<i>Galanthus Nivalis</i>	Snowdrops	Bulb	Digestive upset, nervous excitement
<i>Gloriosa Superba</i>	Glory Lily	Tuber	Digestive upset
<i>Ginkgo biboba</i>	Maidenhair Tree	Fruits	Contact dermatitis
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy	Leaves and berries	Digestive upset
<i>Helleborus niger</i>	Christmas Rose	Leaves	Nausea, cramping, diarrhea
<i>Heracleum lanatum</i>	Cow Parsnip	All parts	Contact dermatitis
<i>Humulus lupulus</i>	Hops	All parts	External irritant
<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	Hyacinth	Bulb	Contact dermatitis
<i>Hydrangea Macrophylla</i>	Snowball Bush	Buds	Severe digestive upset, convulsions, death
<i>Hymenocallis fragrans</i>	Spider Lily	Bulb	Digestive upset
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	English Holly	Berries	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
<i>Iris</i>		Fleshy underground potion	Server digestive upset
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly	Berries	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
<i>Ipomoea</i>	Morning Glory	Seeds	Severe mental disturbances, death
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain Laurel	Leaves and Nectar	Burning of mouth, throat, and stomach.

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<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Golden Chain Tree	All parts Esp. seeds	Excitement, staggering, convulsion, coma, death
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana	Immature berries	Weakness, lethargy, diarrhea
<i>Leucothoe racemosa</i>	Sweetbells	Leaves and nectar	Burning of mouth, throat, stomach
<i>Ligustrum</i>	Privet	Berries, leaves	Severe digestive disturbance
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower	All parts	Central nervous system
<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	Honeysuckle	Berries	Severe stomach pain, diarrhea, muscular twitching, respiratory failure, convulsions
<i>Lupine</i>		All parts	Breathing difficulty, death
<i>Lycoris radiata</i>	Spider Lily	Bulb	Digestive upset, dehydration
<i>Lycoris squamigera</i>	Magic Lily	Bulb	Digestive upset, dehydration
<i>Malus sp.</i>	Crabapple	Seeds	Abdominal pain, vomiting, sweating
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Magnolia	Buds and leaves	Contact dermatitis
<i>Maclura pomifera</i>	Osage Orange	All parts	Contact dermatitis
<i>Narcissus</i>	Daffodil	Bulb	Contact dermatitis, digestive upset
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	*All parts	Pain, nausea, cramping, diarrhea
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Tobacco Plant	All parts	Nausea, sweating, dizziness, convulsions, respiratory failure
<i>Ornithogalum Umbellatum</i>	Star of Bethlehem	Bulb	Digestive upset, nervous excitement, pain diarrhea
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia Creeper	All parts	External irritant
<i>Parthenocissus tricuspidata</i>	Boston Ivy	All parts	External irritant
<i>Phoradendron serotinum</i>	Mistletoe	All parts	Abdominal pain, cramping, nausea, diarrhea
<i>Physalis alkekengi</i>	Japanese Red lantern	Unripe berries	Severe digestive upset, convulsions
<i>Pieris Formosa</i>	Lily of the Valley	Leaves and nectar	Burning mouth, throat, diarrhea, ingestion, can be fatal to children.
<i>Primula</i>	Primrose	All parts	Contact dermatitis
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	Mayapple	Unripe apple, leaves & roots	Diarrhea, severe digestive upset
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Blackcherry	Kernel Pit	Pain, vomiting, lethargy, sweating, convulsions
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	All parts	Severe Digestive Upset
<i>Quercus sp.</i>	Oak	Acorns	Affects kidneys gradually
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Buttercup	All parts	Juices severely injure digestive system
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Buckhorn	Fruit and Bark	Nausea, digestive upset
<i>Rhododendron</i>		All parts	Nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, prostration, coma, death.
<i>Robinia pseudoacai</i>	Blacklocust	Bark, seeds, leaves	After latent period severe digestive upset
<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	Rue	All parts	Contact dermatitis
<i>Sambucus caerulea S. canadensis S. racemosa</i>	Elderberry	All parts	Nausea digestive upset
<i>Solanum</i>	Nightshade	Berries Red & Yellow	Disturbs nervous system, death.
<i>Sophora</i>	Pagoda Tree	Seeds	Nausea, headache, diarrhea
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Snowberry	Berries	Digestive upset
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	Tansy	All parts	Contact Dermatitis

<i>Taxus baccata</i> <i>T. cuspidata</i>	Yew	Foliage and berries	Nausea, digestive upset
<i>Toxicodendron toxicarium</i>	Poison Oak	*All parts	Intense itching, watery blisters, red rash
<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	Poison Ivy	*All parts All year round	Intense itching, watery blisters, red rash
<i>Toxicodendron vernix</i>	Poison Sumac	*All parts	Intense itching, watery blisters, red rash
<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Chinese Wisteria	Seeds, pods	Severe digestive disturbance
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Calla Lily	Leaves	Burning mouth, throat, inflammation, contact dermatitis

Sources: American Medical Association Handbook of Poisonous and Injurious Plants

\* Including smoke from burning plant and water in which plant was set.