

Poisonous Plants

The listed plants are considered **HARMFUL** to children if ingested – the most dangerous plants are **highlighted green** and should not be in a child's environment. Other plants may be a **HEALTH RISK** if consumed or result in allergic reactions if touched. Contact the POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE to discuss the appropriate first aid action if your child should ingest **ANY** plant or gardening product in your home or garden.

This list is not exhaustive and you should consult the Department of Agriculture's list of Harmful plants for more details.

| PLANT | TOXIC PART |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| African Milk Bush <i>Synadenium grantii</i> | Sap is corrosive; All other parts are poisonous if ingested |
| Agapanthus <i>Agapanthus orientalis</i> | Leaves; acute skin irritation |
| Angels Trumpet <i>Brugmansia (Datura Candida)</i> | All parts (esp. fruits, seeds & flowers) are poisonous if ingested |
| Arum Lily <i>Santedeschia aethiopica</i> | All parts are poisonous if ingested; can cause skin irritation |
| Autumn Crocus <i>Colchicum autumnale</i> | All parts are poisonous if ingested |
| Azalea <i>Rhododendron</i> | All parts are poisonous if ingested |
| Bird of Paradise <i>Poinciana gilliesii</i> | Seeds and green seed pods are toxic |
| Black Locust <i>Robinia psuedoacacia</i> | Seeds and other parts of plant are poisonous if ingested |
| Box <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> | All parts are poisonous if ingested |
| Cape Lilac <i>Melia azedarach</i> | Seeds are poisonous if ingested; Fruit |
| Castor-oil Plant <i>Ricinus communis</i> | Seeds; All parts poisonous if ingested |
| Cotoneaster | Fruit (red berries) |
| Daffodil & Jonquil <i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus & Narcissus jonquilla</i> | Bulbs are poisonous if ingested |
| Daphne | Bark and Berries |
| Dumb-Cane <i>Dieffenbachia spp.</i> | All parts: particularly Sap and Berries |
| Duranta <i>repens</i> | Fruit/Berries |

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| Foxglove <i>Digitalis purpurea</i> | All parts can cause irregular heart beat, digestive upset & dizziness if ingested. |
| Hemlock <i>Conium Maculatum</i> | All parts; however the seeds contain the greatest portion of poison. |
| Holly <i>(Ilex)</i> | Berries, spiked toxic leaves |
| Jessamine <i>Cestrum spp.</i> | All parts, but mainly unripe berries when ingested |
| Laburnum (Golden Chain Tree) <i>Laburnum anagyroides</i> | Poisoning by ingestion of All parts, especially seeds |
| Lantana <i>Lantana camara</i> | Green berries are poisonous if ingested. Skin or allergic reaction may occur when handling |
| Naked Lady <i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i> | All parts, especially milky sap on skin or in eyes |
| Nightshades <i>Solanum dulcamara or Solanum nigrum</i> | All parts, especially green fruit/berries |
| Oleander <i>Nerium oleander and Thevetia peruviana</i> | All parts are highly toxic if ingested. Contact with the skin can cause irritation. |
| Poinsettia <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> | Leaves, flowers and milky sap |
| Rhus <i>Toxicodendron succedaneum</i> | All parts can cause severe dermatitis & swelling if comes into contact with the skin; the sap causes the most severe reaction. |



Dumb Cane



Angels Trumpet



Duranta. Geisha Girl



Oleander

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| Rosary Pea <i>Arbus precatorius</i> | Seeds |
| Sweet pea <i>Lathyrus odoratus.</i> | Seeds |
| Toadstools and wild fungus <i>Amanita spp.</i> | All parts. (Never eat fungi occurring in gardens/lawns) |
| Thorn Apple <i>Datura stramonium</i> and <i>Jimson Weed</i> | All parts: mainly seeds and leaves if ingested |
| Winter Sweet <i>Carissa spectabilis</i> | All parts |
| Yellow Oleander, Be-still <i>Thevetia species</i> | One seed can be lethal to infants |
| Yew <i>Taxus baccata</i> | Fruit, leaves and seeds |
| Zamia Palm <i>Cycads, Macrozamia</i> | Seed is poisonous if ingested |

Fruits and Vegetables

| PLANT | TOXIC PART |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Avocado | Leaves |
| Bay Tree Sweet Bay <i>Laurus nobilis</i> | Berries poisonous (leaves are a culinary herb) |
| Potato | Green skin, spoiled potatoes and sprouts |
| Rhubarb <i>Rheum rhaponticum</i> | Leaf blade |
| Stone Fruit Apricot, Cherry, Peach, Plum | The kernel contains a compound that releases cyanide when eaten |
| Tomato | Green parts of fruit, leaves and vines |



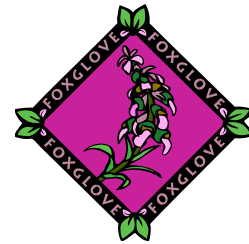
Simple Ways to Prevent Poisoning from Plants

DO NOT

- ✗ Assume a plant is not poisonous because birds or other wildlife can eat it
- ✗ Use any part of a plant for cooking or medicinal use unless fully aware of its attributes

DO

- ✓ Make sure ALL plants, both indoor and outdoor are accurately identified
- ✓ Teach your children never to put leaves, stems, seeds, nuts or berries from any plant into their mouths
- ✓ Keep poisonous plants out of children's reach, eg. remove or securely fence off all identified poisonous plants
- ✓ Keep a record of ALL plants in your garden
- ✓ Take a sample of a plant to your local nursery if unsure what the name of the plant is
- ✓ Keep the Poisons Information Centre Phone Number next to your phone 13 11 26



For further information regarding safe plants around the home please contact:

- Your local garden centre
- Poisons Information Centre: 13 11 26
- Department of Agriculture
www.agric.wa.gov.au – Harmful plants booklet
- Kidsafe WA

Note: Kidsafe WA acknowledges the value in children planting quick growing and fruiting vegetables that may be included in our poisonous plants fact sheet. These plants can be incorporated into Kitchen Gardens when used in a supervised environment.

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