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FACT SHEET: POISONOUS PLANTS

WHILE PLANTS ADD A TOUCH OF COLOR AND FRAGRANCE to our daily lives, they also inject an element of danger into the lives of our pets. More than 700 plants have been identified as producing physiologically active or toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals. Poisonous plants produce a variety of toxic substances and cause reactions ranging from mild nausea to death. Certain animal species may have a peculiar vulnerability to a potentially poisonous plant.

Following is a list of some of the common plants which may produce a toxic reaction in animals. This list is intended only as a guide to plants which are generally identified as having the capability for producing a toxic reaction.

PLANT	TOXIC PARTS	PLANT TYPE
Aconite	Roots, foliage, seeds	Garden flower
Apple	Seeds	Cultivated tree
Arrowgrasses	Leaves	Marsh plants
Atropa belladonna	Entire plant, esp. seeds and roots	Garden herb
Autumn Crocus	Entire plant	Garden flower
Azaleas	Entire plant	Cultivated & wild shrub
Baneberry	Berries, roots	Wildflower
Bird-of-Paradise	Pods	Garden flower
Black locust	Entire plant, esp. bark and shoots	Tree
Bloodroot	Entire plant, esp. stem and roots	Wildflower, herb
Box	Entire plant, esp. leaves	Ornamental shrub
Buckeye	Sprouts, nuts, seeds	Tree
Buttercup	Entire plant, esp. leaves	Wildflower, garden, herb
Caladium	Entire plant	House plant
Carolina Jessamine	Flowers, leaves	Ornamental plant
Castor bean	Entire plant, esp. beans	House plant
Chinaberry tree	Berries	Tree
Chockcherries	Leaves, cherries, pit	Wild shrub
Christmas berry	Leaves	Shrub
Christmas Rose	Rootstock, leaves	Garden flower
Common privet	Leaves, berries	Ornamental shrub
Corn cockle	Seeds	Wildflower, weed
Cowbane	Entire plant, esp. roots	Wildflower, herb
Cow cockle	Seeds	Wildflower, weed
Cowslip	Entire plant, esp. leaves and stem	Wildflower, herb
Daffodil	Bulbs	Garden flower
Daphne	Bark, berries, leaves	Ornamental shrub
Day lily	Entire plant is toxic to cats	Garden & wildflower
Death Camas	Leaves, stems, seeds, flowers	Field herb
Delphinium (Larkspur)	Entire plant, esp. sprouts	Wildflower
Dumbcane	Entire plant	House plant
Dutchman's breeches	Roots, foliage	Wild & garden flower
Easter lily	Entire plant is toxic to cats	Flowering house plant
Elderberry	Leaves, bark, roots, buds	Tree
Elephant's ear	Entire plant	House plant
English Ivy	Entire plant, esp. leaves and berries	Ornamental vine
European Bittersweet	Entire plant, esp. berries	Vine
False Flax	Seeds	Wild herb
False hellebore	Roots, leaves, seeds	Ornamental flower
Fan weed	Seeds	Wildflower, herb

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Field peppergrass	Seeds	Wildflower, herb
Flax	Seedpods	Wildflower, herb
Foxglove	Leaves	Wild & garden flower
Holly	Berries	Shrub
Horsechestnut	Nuts, sprouts	Tree
Horse nettle	Entire plant, esp. berries	Wildflower, herb
Hyacinth	Bulbs	Wild & house plant
Iris	Leaves, roots	Wild & garden flower
Jack-in-the-pulpit	Entire plant, esp. roots and leaves	Wildflower
Jatropha	Seeds	Tree, shrub
Jerusalem Cherry	Unripe fruit, foliage	Ornamental plant
Jimsonweed	Entire plant, esp. seeds	Field plant
Laburum	Seeds, pods, flowers	Ornamental plant
Lantana	Foliage	House plant
Larkspur	Young plants	Wildflower
Laurels	Leaves	Shrub
Lilly of the valley	Leaves, flowers	Garden & wildflower
Lupines	Seeds, pods	Shrub
Manchineel Tree	Sap, fruit	Tree
Matrimony vine	Leaves, shoots	Ornamental vine
Mayapple	Unripe fruit, roots, foliage	Wildflower
Milk vetch	Entire plant	Wildflower
Mistletoe	Berries	House plant
Monkshood	Entire plant, esp. roots and seeds	Wildflower
Moonseed	Fruit, roots	Vine
Morning glory	Seeds, roots	Wildflower
Mountain mahogany	Leaves	Shrub
Mustards	Seeds	Wildflower
Narcissus	Bulbs	Garden flower
Nicotiana	Leaves	Garden flower
Nightshade	Leaves, berries	Wildflower, vine
Oaks	Shoots, leaves	Tree
Oleander	Leaves	Ornamental shrub
Philodendrons	Entire plant	House plant
Pokeweed	Roots, seeds, berries	Field plant
Poinsettia	Leaves, stem, flowers	House plant
Poison hemlock	Leaves, stem, fruit	Field plant
Potato	Shoots, sprouts	Garden plant
Rattle box	Entire plant	Wildflower
Rhododendron	Leaves	Ornamental shrub
Rhubarb	Leaves	Garden plant
Rosary pea	Seeds	House plant
Skunk cabbage	Entire plant, esp. roots and leaves	Marsh plant
Smartweeds	Sap	Wildflower
Snow-on-the-mountain	Sap	Field plant
Sorghum	Leaves	Grass
Star of Bethlehem	Entire plant	Wildflower
Velvet grass	Leaves	Grass
Wild black cherry	Leaves, pits	Tree
Wild radish	Seeds	Wildflower
Wisteria	Pods, seeds	Ornamental plant
Woody aster	Entire plant	Wildflower
Yellow Jessamine	Entire plant	Ornamental vine
Yellow oleander	Entire plant, esp. leaves	Garden plant
Yellow pine flax	Entire plant, esp. seedpods	Wildflower
Yew	Bark, leaves, seeds	Ornamental tree

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