

Safe and Poisonous Garden Plants

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Did You Know?

Each year over 100,000 people in the United States call Poison Control Centers about plant and mushroom exposures.

There is no easy “test” for knowing which plants are poisonous.

- Some plants may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or stomach cramps.
- Some plants have substances which are irritating to the skin, mouth, and tongue. Immediate burning pain is common, and sometimes stomach upset, mouth and tongue swelling, or breathing problems may occur.
- Some plants may cause a skin rash. Sometimes the rash occurs only after being in sunlight, or gets worse with sunlight.

Heating and cooking do not necessarily destroy a plant's or mushroom's toxic parts.

Teas and home-made medicines made from plants can be poisonous.

Eating a small amount of a plant may not be a problem, but large or repeated doses may be harmful.

Young children, and sometimes pets, will often chew or eat anything, no matter how it tastes.

Visit the California Poison Control System
“Know Your Plants” web page for more information:
<http://www.calpoison.com/public/plants.html>

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Check the web for updated versions of this brochure:

http://ucanr.edu/sites/poisonous_safe_plants/

Herbal Medicines

Herbal medicine is the use of drugs found in plants for prevention and cure of disease. Some are safe but others may produce harmful side effects. When herbs are taken with a prescribed or over-the-counter drug, health problems may occur. Always check with your doctor before using herbal medicines.

FDA approval is not required for package or marketing claims. Unlike approved drugs, herbs are almost entirely unregulated for safety, uniformity of contents, and contamination. The correct dose of herbal products is often hard to determine. Herbal remedies may have other unlabeled medicines or materials mixed in with them.

Many herbal medicines are taken by drinking a tea. Avoid concentrating or over-steeping a tea remedy. Herbal extracts, tablets, and powders are also used.

Because scientific studies have not been done on many herbs, pregnant women, breast-feeding mothers, and infants and young children should probably not use herbs. Older people with serious health conditions should also be careful about the use of herbs.

An herbal treatment that does not work, even if it won't hurt you, could delay getting necessary medical treatment.

A “natural” product from a plant is not necessarily better than the same chemical produced in a laboratory.

Some herbal products contain active ingredients that can produce unexpected side effects (for example, saw palmetto contains estrogen, a female hormone).

Examples of potentially harmful herbal remedies:

Herb	Potential Toxic Effect
Borage (<i>Borago officinalis</i>)	Skin irritation
Calamus (<i>Acorus calamus</i>)	Skin irritation, stomach upset, may cause cancer
Chaparral (<i>Larrea indentedata</i>)	Liver damage
Comfrey (<i>Symphytum officinale</i>)	Liver damage
Ephedra; Ma-huang (<i>Ephedra sinica</i>)	Agitation, high blood pressure, rapid heartbeat, convulsions
Germander (<i>Teucrium chamaedrys</i>)	Liver damage
Life root (<i>Senecio aureus</i>)	Liver damage
Pennyroyal (<i>Mentha pulegium</i>)	Liver damage. Concentrated oil can cause convulsions, shock, and multi-organ failure
Sassafras (<i>Sassafras albidum</i>)	Liver damage. Concentrated oil can cause hallucinations, trembling, shock, and possibly cancer.

Mushrooms

Eating any mushrooms collected outdoors should be considered dangerous. Call the Poison Control Center even if you only think that someone has eaten one. Even after a serious poisoning, symptoms may not appear until many hours later. Do not wait until symptoms appear.

Poison Control Center: (800) 222-1222

Symptoms of severe mushroom poisoning can include intense vomiting and diarrhea and can lead to liver failure and death.

Eating mushrooms collected outdoors can be very risky because many poisonous mushrooms look and taste like ones that are safe to eat. There is no easy way to tell the difference between safe and unsafe mushrooms.

- This is important for people who come to California from other areas of the world. California has extremely poisonous mushrooms that may look similar to “safe” mushrooms found in other areas.

Teach children never to touch or taste outdoor mushrooms.

Hay Fever

Millions of Americans have hay fever. Symptoms include sneezing, runny nose, red itching eyes, and throat irritation.

Plant pollen in the air is a common cause of this condition. People should learn which plants cause their symptoms and try to avoid them.

If you have an allergy to the pollen of certain plants, see or call your doctor for a prescription for medicine before the plants bloom. Contact your local American Lung Association for pamphlets on hay fever plants, and for gardening tips regarding such plants.

“Breathe California” has a list of California plants that cause hay fever, listed by their pollen season:

<http://lungsrus.org/Assets/pdf/brochures/Hay%20Fever%20Brochure.pdf>

Pesticides

Carefully read and follow directions on all pesticide labels, even if you have used the material before.

If you suspect a poisoning, immediately call the Poison Control Center: (800) 222-1222

For information on the safe use of pesticides, visit the UC Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program’s website at <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/index.html>

Specifically, find information at these links on the UC IPM website:

- Pesticides: safe and effective use <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74126.html>
- Hiring a pest control company <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74125.html>
- Information about specific pesticides <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/menu.pesticides.php>

Preventing Poisoning Exposures

Label Plants

- Before buying a plant, have the store label it with both the common and scientific name.
- Show grandparents and baby sitters where the plant label is. It is very hard for poison specialists to identify plants from a description given on the phone. Know the names of your plants before a poisoning happens.

Children

- If you have small children or curious pets, consider removing toxic plants from your garden and house. House plants should be placed out of reach of the very young.
- Teach children not to put any part of a plant in the mouth. This means leaves, stems, bark, seeds, nuts, berries, and bulbs. Do not allow children to suck nectar from flowers or make “tea” from the leaves. Never chew, or let children chew, on jewelry made from seeds or beans.

Handling Toxic Plants

- Store labeled bulbs and seeds safely away from children, pets, and food-storage areas. Avoid confusing bulbs with edible onions.
- Use protective gloves and clothing when handling plants that may be irritating to the skin. Wash clothes afterwards.
- Discard plant leaves and flowers in a safe way so that children and pets cannot get to them.
- Smoke from fires made of twigs and other parts of poisonous plants, including poison oak, can irritate or harm the eyes, throat, and other parts of the body.

Other Information

- Do not eat plants or mushrooms collected outdoors unless you are certain they are safe.



Treatment for Exposures

What to do for a plant poisoning

If the victim is choking and cannot breathe, call 9-1-1

Treatment for Exposure:

- Mouth: Remove any parts of the plant or mushroom from the patient's mouth and clean out the mouth.
- Skin: Wash the area exposed to the plant with soap and cool water as soon as possible.
- Eyes: Flush eyes with lukewarm water for 10 to 15 minutes. Be very gentle, as vigorous or prolonged rinsing can hurt the eyes.

Meanwhile, call the Poison Control Center: (800) 222-1222

If you are advised to go to an emergency room, take the plant or a part of it with you (take more than a single leaf or berry). Take the label, too, if you have it. The correct name can result in the proper treatment if the plant is poisonous. If the plant is not dangerous, knowing the name can prevent needless treatment and worry.

Plants Toxic to Animals

Information on this website is about plants poisonous to people. Do *not* use the plant lists on this site to learn about safe or toxic plants for animals. Some links are provided below on plants poisonous to animals.

Pets, especially cats and dogs, frequently ingest plants. If a plant is known to be hazardous to humans, it may be toxic for animals as well. However, some animals and birds may safely eat plants that are unsafe for humans.

Resources:

- UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine: Pets and Toxic Plants
http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ccah/health_information/plants_pets.cfm
- Cornell University: Plants Poisonous to Livestock and other Animals
<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants/>
- University of Illinois: Plants Toxic to Animals
<http://www.library.illinois.edu/vex/toxic/>
- The Humane Society: Plants Potentially Poisonous to Pets
http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/pets/poisonous_plants.pdf
- The ASPCA: Toxic and Nontoxic Plants for Animals
<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants/>

Safe Plants (by common name)

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To search for photos of these plants, check the UC Berkeley “CalPhotos: Plants” website: <http://calphotos.berkeley.edu/flora/>

Safe plants: Common name	Scientific name
Abutilon	<i>Abutilon</i> spp.
African daisy	<i>Arctotis</i> spp.
African violet	<i>Saintpaulia ionantha</i>
Albizia	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>
Aluminum plant	<i>Pilea</i> spp.
Alyssum	<i>Alyssum</i> spp.
Aphelandra	<i>Aphelandra squarrosa</i>
Areca palm	<i>Chrysalidocarpus lutescens</i>
Aspidistra	<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>
Astilbe	<i>Astilbe</i> spp.
Baby’s tears	<i>Soleirolia soleirolii</i>
Bachelor’s button	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>
Balloon flower	<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i>
Balsam	<i>Impatiens</i> spp.
Bamboo	<i>Bambusa multiplex</i>
Bamboo, Golden	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>
Bee balm	<i>Monarda</i> spp.
Bellflower	<i>Campanula</i> spp.
Bird of paradise	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>
Bird’s nest fern	<i>Asplenium nidus</i>
Black-eyed Susan vine	<i>Thunbergia alata</i>
Blue daisy	<i>Felicia amelloides</i>
Blue marguerite	<i>Felicia amelloides</i>
Boston fern	<i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i>
Bottle palm	<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i>
Bottlebrush	<i>Callistemon</i> spp.
Brush cherry	<i>Syzygium</i> spp.
Butterfly bush	<i>Buddleia davidii</i>
Calceolaria	<i>Calceolaria</i> spp.
California poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>
Callistemon	<i>Callistemon</i> spp.

Safe plants: Common name	Scientific name
Camellia	<i>Camellia japonica</i>
Campanula	<i>Campanula</i> spp.
Canna lily	<i>Canna generalis</i>
Carob tree	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>
Carpet bugle	<i>Ajuga reptans</i>
Cast iron plant	<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>
Cattleya orchid	<i>Cattleya</i> spp.
China aster	<i>Callistephus chinensis</i>
China doll	<i>Radermachera</i> spp.
Chinese fountain palm	<i>Livistona chinensis</i>
Christmas cactus	<i>Schlumbergera bridgesii</i>
Cleome	<i>Cleome hasslerana</i>
Cockscomb	<i>Celosia</i> spp.
Coleus	<i>Coleus hybridus</i>
Coprosma	<i>Coprosma</i> spp.
Coral berry bromeliad *	<i>Aechmea</i> spp.
Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>
Coral bells	<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>
Corn plant	<i>Dracaena</i> spp.
Cornflower	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>
Cosmos	<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>
Crape myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>
Creeping Jenny	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>
Crocus, Dutch *	<i>Crocus vernus</i>
Crocus, Spring-blooming *	<i>Crocus vernus</i>
Crown-pink	<i>Lychnis coronaria</i>
Dahlia	<i>Dahlia</i> hybrids
Daisy, African	<i>Arctotis</i> spp.
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>
Daylily	<i>Hemerocallis</i> spp.
Douglas fir	<i>Pseudotsuga</i> spp.
Dracaena	<i>Dracaena</i> spp.
Dragon tree	<i>Dracaena</i> spp.
Dutch crocus *	<i>Crocus vernus</i>
Easter lily	<i>Lilium longiflorum</i>
Echeveria	<i>Echeveria</i> spp.
English lavender	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>
Epidendrum orchid	<i>Epidendrum</i> spp.
Escallonia	<i>Escallonia</i> spp.
Eternal flame	<i>Calathea</i> spp.
Eugenia	<i>Syzygium</i> spp.
Evening primrose	<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>
Exacum	<i>Exacum affine</i>

Safe plants: Common name	Scientific name
False aralia	<i>Dizygotheca elegantissima</i>
False spiraea	<i>Astilbe</i> spp.
Fern, Bird's nest	<i>Asplenium nidus</i>
Fern, Boston	<i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i>
Fern, Hare's-foot	<i>Polypodium aureum</i>
Fern, Holly	<i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>
Fern, Maidenhair	<i>Adiantum</i> spp.
Fern, Roundleaf	<i>Pellaea rotundifolia</i>
Fern, Staghorn	<i>Platycerium bifurcatum</i>
Fern, Sword	<i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i>
Fir, Douglas	<i>Pseudotsuga</i> spp.
Fittonia	<i>Fittonia</i> spp.
Flame violet	<i>Episcia cupreata</i>
Flaming sword bromeliad	<i>Vriesea</i> spp.
Flowering maple	<i>Abutilon</i> spp.
Forget-me-not	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>
Fragrant olive	<i>Osmanthus</i> spp.
Freesia	<i>Freesia</i> spp.
Fuchsia	<i>Fuchsia</i> spp.
Gardenia	<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i>
Gerbera	<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i>
Globe thistle	<i>Echinops exaltatus</i>
Gloxinia	<i>Sinningia speciosa</i>
Golden bamboo	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>
Goldfish plant	<i>Columnea</i> spp.
Grape hyacinth	<i>Muscari</i> spp.
Hare's-foot fern	<i>Polypodium aureum</i>
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus</i> spp.
Heart-of-flame bromeliad	<i>Bromelia</i> spp.
Hemlock tree	<i>Tsuga</i> spp.
Hen and chicks	<i>Echeveria</i> spp.
Hens and chickens	<i>Sempervivum tectorum</i>
Heuchera	<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>
Hibiscus	<i>Hibiscus</i> spp.
Holly fern	<i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>
Honey locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>
Hosta	<i>Hosta</i> spp.
Ice plant	<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i>
Ice plant	<i>Carpobrotus</i> spp.
Ice plant	<i>Lampranthus</i> spp.
Impatiens	<i>Impatiens</i> spp.
India hawthorn	<i>Raphiolepis</i> spp.
Japanese aralia	<i>Fatsia japonica</i>

Safe plants: Common name	Scientific name
Japanese snowball	<i>Viburnum plicatum</i>
Japanese spurge	<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>
Job's tears	<i>Coix lacryma-jobi</i>
Lady palm	<i>Rhapis excelsa</i>
Lavender, English	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>
Lipstick plant	<i>Aeschynanthus</i> spp.
Liquidambar	<i>Liquidambar</i> spp.
Liriope	<i>Liriope muscari</i>
Lithops	<i>Lithops</i> spp.
Living stones	<i>Lithops</i> spp.
Magnolia, Star	<i>Magnolia stellata</i>
Maidenhair fern	<i>Adiantum</i> spp.
Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.
Meadow sweet	<i>Astilbe</i> spp.
Mirror plant	<i>Coprosma</i> spp.
Monarda	<i>Monarda</i> spp.
Money plant	<i>Lunaria annua</i>
Moneywort	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>
Mosaic plant	<i>Fittonia</i> spp.
Moss rose	<i>Portulaca</i> spp.
Mountain ash	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>
Mulberry	<i>Morus</i> spp.
Nasturtium	<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>
Neoregelia bromeliad	<i>Neoregelia</i> spp.
Nerve plant	<i>Fittonia</i> spp.
Norfolk Island pine	<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i>
Oncidium orchid	<i>Oncidium</i> spp.
Osmanthus	<i>Osmanthus</i> spp.
Pachysandra	<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>
Palms	(Most houseplant palms are nontoxic except fishtail palm, <i>Caryota</i> spp.)
Palm, Areca	<i>Chrysalidocarpus lutescens</i>
Palm, Bottle	<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i>
Palm, Chinese fountain	<i>Livistona chinensis</i>
Palm, Lady	<i>Rhapis excelsa</i>
Palm, Paradise	<i>Howea</i> spp.
Palm, Pigmy date	<i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>
Palm, Sentry	<i>Howea</i> spp.
Palo Verde	<i>Cercidium</i> spp.
Paphiopedilum orchid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> spp.
Paradise palm	<i>Howea</i> spp.
Passion vine	<i>Passiflora</i> spp.
Peperomia	<i>Peperomia</i> spp.

Safe plants: Common name	Scientific name
Persian violet	<i>Exacum affine</i>
Petunia	<i>Petunia hybrida</i>
Phlox	<i>Phlox paniculata</i>
Photinia	<i>Photinia</i> spp.
Piggy-back plant	<i>Tolmiea menziesii</i>
Pigmy date palm	<i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>
Pilea	<i>Pilea</i> spp.
Pine tree	<i>Pinus</i> spp.
Pink polka-dot plant	<i>Hypoestes</i> spp.
Pittosporum	<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>
Plane tree	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>
Plantain lily	<i>Hosta</i> spp.
Pocketbook plant	<i>Calceolaria</i> spp.
Polka-dot plant, Pink	<i>Hypoestes</i> spp.
Ponytail plant	<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i>
Portulaca	<i>Portulaca</i> spp.
Prayer plant	<i>Maranta leuconeura</i>
Purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea</i> spp.
Purple velvet plant	<i>Gynura aurantiaca</i>
Queen's tears bromeliad	<i>Billbergia</i> spp.
Raphiolepis	<i>Raphiolepis</i> spp.
Rattlesnake plant	<i>Calathea</i> spp.
Red-hot poker	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>
Rockrose	<i>Cistus</i> spp.
Rosary vine	<i>Ceropegia woodii</i>
Rose of Sharon	<i>Hibiscus</i> spp.
Roundleaf fern	<i>Pellaea rotundifolia</i>
Sage	<i>Salvia</i> spp.
Salvia	<i>Salvia</i> spp.
Sea lavender	<i>Limonium</i> spp.
Sensitive plant	<i>Mimosa pudica</i>
Sentry palm	<i>Howea</i> spp.
Silk tree	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>
Snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum</i> spp.
Spider flower	<i>Cleome hasslerana</i>
Spider plant	<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i>
Spiraea	<i>Spiraea</i> spp.
Spring-blooming crocus *	<i>Crocus vernus</i>
Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i>
St. John's bread	<i>Cerantonia siliqua</i>
Staghorn fern	<i>Platynerium bifurcatum</i>
Star jasmine	<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>
Star magnolia	<i>Magnolia stellata</i>

Safe plants: Common name	Scientific name
Statice	<i>Limonium</i> spp.
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum</i> spp.
Strawberry tree	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>
Strelitzia	<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>
Sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>
Swedish ivy	<i>Plectranthus</i> spp.
Sweet gum	<i>Liquidambar</i> spp.
Sword fern	<i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i>
Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>
Ti plant	<i>Cordyline terminalis</i>
Torch lily	<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>
Touch-me-not	<i>Impatiens</i> spp.
Transvaal daisy	<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i>
Urn plant bromeliad *	<i>Aechmea</i> spp.
Velvet plant, Purple	<i>Gynura aurantiaca</i>
Viburnum	<i>Viburnum</i> spp.
Vriesea bromeliad	<i>Vriesea</i> spp.
Weigela	<i>Weigela</i> spp.
Willow	<i>Salix</i> spp.
Yucca	<i>Yucca</i> spp.
Zebra plant	<i>Aphelandra squarrosa</i>
Zinnia	<i>Zinnia</i> spp.

* Other species in the genus may be toxic



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<i>Abutilon</i> spp.	Abutilon; Flowering maple
<i>Adiantum</i> spp.	Maidenhair fern
<i>Aechmea</i> spp.	Coral berry bromeliad *; Urn plant bromeliad *
<i>Aeschynanthus</i> spp.	Lipstick plant
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	Carpet bugle
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	Albizia; Silk tree
<i>Alyssum</i> spp.	Alyssum
<i>Antirrhinum</i> spp.	Snapdragon
<i>Aphelandra squarrosa</i>	Aphelandra; Zebra plant
<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i>	Ice plant
<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i>	Norfolk Island pine
<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Strawberry tree
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	Manzanita
<i>Arctotis</i> spp.	African daisy
<i>Aspidistra elatior</i>	Aspidistra; Cast iron plant
<i>Asplenium nidus</i>	Bird’s nest fern
<i>Astilbe</i> spp.	Astilbe; False spiraea; Meadow sweet
<i>Bambusa multiplex</i>	Bamboo
<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i>	Bottle palm; Ponytail palm
<i>Billbergia</i> spp.	Queen’s tears bromeliad
<i>Bromelia</i> spp.	Heart-of-flame bromeliad
<i>Buddleia davidii</i>	Butterfly bush
<i>Calathea</i> spp.	Eternal flame; Rattlesnake plant
<i>Calceolaria</i> spp.	Calceolaria; Pocketbook plant
<i>Callistemon</i> spp.	Bottlebrush; Callistemon
<i>Callistephus chinensis</i>	China aster
<i>Camellia japonica</i>	Camellia
<i>Campanula</i> spp.	Bellflower; Campanula
<i>Canna generalis</i>	Canna lily
<i>Carpobrotus</i> spp.	Ice plant
<i>Cattleya</i> spp.	Cattleya orchid

Safe plants: Scientific name	Common name
<i>Celosia</i> spp.	Cockscomb
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Bachelor's button; Cornflower
<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	Carob tree; St. John's bread
<i>Cercidium</i> spp.	Palo Verde
<i>Ceropegia woodii</i>	Rosary vine
<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i>	Spider plant
<i>Chrysalidocarpus lutescens</i>	Areca palm
<i>Cistus</i> spp.	Rockrose
<i>Cleome hasslerana</i>	Cleome; Spider flower
<i>Coix lacryma-jobi</i>	Job's tears
<i>Coleus hybridus</i>	Coleus
<i>Columnea</i> spp.	Goldfish plant
<i>Coprosma</i> spp.	Coprosma; Mirror plant
<i>Cordyline terminalis</i>	Ti plant
<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i>	Coreopsis
<i>Cosmos bipinnatus</i>	Cosmos
<i>Crataegus</i> spp.	Hawthorn
<i>Crocus vernus</i>	Dutch crocus *; Spring-blooming crocus *
<i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i>	Holly fern
Dahlia hybrids	Dahlia
<i>Dizygotheca elegantissima</i>	False aralia
<i>Dracaena</i> spp.	Corn plant; Dracaena; Dragon tree
<i>Echeveria</i> spp.	Echeveria; Hen and chicks
<i>Echinacea</i> spp.	Purple coneflower
<i>Echinops exaltatus</i>	Globe thistle
<i>Epidendrum</i> spp.	Epidendrum orchid
<i>Episcia cupreata</i>	Flame violet
<i>Escallonia</i> spp.	Escallonia
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California poppy
<i>Exacum affine</i>	Exacum; Persian violet
<i>Fatsia japonica</i>	Japanese aralia
<i>Felicia amelloides</i>	Blue daisy; Blue marguerite
<i>Fittonia</i> spp.	Fittonia; Mosaic plant; Nerve plant
<i>Freesia</i> spp.	Freesia
<i>Fuchsia</i> spp.	Fuchsia
<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i>	Gardenia
<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i>	Gerbera; Transvaal daisy
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honey locust
<i>Gynura aurantiaca</i>	Purple velvet plant
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Sunflower
<i>Hemerocallis</i> spp.	Daylily
<i>Heuchera sanguinea</i>	Coral bells; Heuchera
<i>Hibiscus</i> spp.	Hibiscus; Rose of Sharon

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<i>Hosta</i> spp.	Hosta; Plantain lily
<i>Howea</i> spp.	Paradise palm; Sentry palm
<i>Hypoestes</i> spp.	Pink polka-dot plant
<i>Impatiens</i> spp.	Balsam; Impatiens; Touch-me-not
<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	Red-hot poker; Torch lily
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crape myrtle
<i>Lampranthus</i> spp.	Ice plant
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>	English lavender
<i>Lilium longiflorum</i>	Easter lily
<i>Limonium</i> spp.	Sea lavender; Statice
<i>Liquidambar</i> spp.	Liquidambar; Sweet gum
<i>Liriope muscari</i>	Liriope
<i>Lithops</i> spp.	Lithops; Living stones
<i>Livistona chinensis</i>	Chinese fountain palm
<i>Lunaria annua</i>	Money plant
<i>Lychnis coronaria</i>	Crown-pink
<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>	Creeping Jenny; Moneywort
<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	Star magnolia
<i>Maranta leuconeura</i>	Prayer plant
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Sensitive plant
<i>Monarda</i> spp.	Bee balm; Monarda
<i>Morus</i> spp.	Mulberry
<i>Muscari</i> spp.	Grape hyacinth
<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Forget-me-not
<i>Neoregelia</i> spp.	Neoregelia bromeliad
<i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i>	Boston fern; Sword fern
<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>	Evening primrose
<i>Oncidium</i> spp.	Oncidium orchid
<i>Osmanthus</i> spp.	Fragrant olive; Osmanthus
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i>	Japanese spurge; Pachysandra
<i>Paphiopedilum</i> spp.	Paphiopedilum orchid
<i>Passiflora</i> spp.	Passion vine
<i>Pellaea rotundifolia</i>	Roundleaf fern
<i>Peperomia</i> spp.	Peperomia
<i>Petunia hybrida</i>	Petunia
<i>Phlox paniculata</i>	Phlox
<i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>	Pigmy date palm
<i>Photinia</i> spp.	Photinia
<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i>	Golden bamboo
<i>Picea pungens</i>	Spruce
<i>Pilea</i> spp.	Aluminum plant; Pilea
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	Pine tree
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	Pittosporum

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<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Plane tree; Sycamore
<i>Platycerium bifurcatum</i>	Staghorn fern
<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i>	Balloon flower
<i>Plectranthus</i> spp.	Swedish ivy
<i>Polypodium aureum</i>	Hare's-foot fern
<i>Portulaca</i> spp.	Moss rose; Portulaca
<i>Pseudotsuga</i> spp.	Douglas fir
<i>Radermachera</i> spp.	China doll
<i>Raphiolepis</i> spp.	India hawthorn; Raphiolepis
<i>Rhapis excelsa</i>	Lady palm
<i>Saintpaulia ionantha</i>	African violet
<i>Salix</i> spp.	Willow
<i>Salvia</i> spp.	Sage; Salvia
<i>Schlumbergera bridgesii</i>	Christmas cactus
<i>Sedum</i> spp.	Stonecrop
<i>Sempervivum tectorum</i>	Hens and chickens
<i>Sinningia speciosa</i>	Gloxinia
<i>Soleirolia soleirolii</i>	Baby's tears
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Mountain ash
<i>Spiraea</i> spp.	Spiraea
<i>Strelitzia reginae</i>	Bird of paradise; Strelitzia
<i>Syzygium</i> spp.	Brush cherry; Eugenia
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Dandelion
<i>Thunbergia alata</i>	Black-eyed Susan vine
<i>Tolmiea menziesii</i>	Piggy-back plant
<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>	Star jasmine
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Nasturtium
<i>Tsuga</i> spp.	Hemlock tree
<i>Viburnum</i> spp.	Viburnum
<i>Viburnum plicatum</i>	Japanese snowball
<i>Vriesea</i> spp.	Flaming sword bromeliad; Vriesea bromeliad
<i>Weigela</i> spp.	Weigela
<i>Yucca</i> spp.	Yucca
<i>Zinnia</i> spp.	Zinnia

* Other species in the genus may be toxic



Toxic Plants (by common name)

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Toxicity Class (third column in table below)

1. **Major Toxicity:** These plants may cause serious illness or death. If ingested, immediately call the Poison Control Center — (800) 222-1222 — or your doctor.
2. **Minor Toxicity:** Ingestion of these plants may cause minor illnesses such as vomiting or diarrhea. If ingested, call the Poison Control Center or your doctor.
3. **Oxalates:** The juice or sap of these plants contains oxalate crystals. These needle-shaped crystals can irritate the skin, mouth, tongue, and throat, resulting in throat swelling, breathing difficulties, burning pain, and stomach upset. Call the Poison Control Center or your doctor if any of these symptoms appear following ingestion of plants.
4. **Dermatitis:** The juice, sap, or thorns of these plants may cause a skin rash or irritation. Wash the affected area of skin with soap and water as soon as possible after contact. The rashes may be very serious and painful. Call the Poison Control Center or your doctor if symptoms appear following contact with the plants.

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Achillea	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	2,4
Aconite	<i>Aconitum spp.</i>	1
African boxwood	<i>Myrsine africana</i>	2
African lily	<i>Agapanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Agapanthus	<i>Agapanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Agave	<i>Agave spp.</i>	2,3,4
Aglaonema	<i>Aglaonema spp.</i>	3,4
Ailanthus	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	2,4
Alder	<i>Alnus spp.</i>	4
Allium	<i>Allium spp.</i>	2
Almond (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Alocasia	<i>Alocasia spp.</i>	3,4
Alstroemeria	<i>Alstroemeria spp.</i>	2,4
Amaryllis	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	2,4
Amaryllis	<i>Hippeastrum spp.</i>	2
Anemone	<i>Anemone spp.</i>	2,4
Angel's trumpet	<i>Brugmansia spp.</i>	1
Anthurium	<i>Anthurium spp.</i>	3,4
Apple (seeds)	<i>Malus spp.</i>	1
Apricot (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Aralia, Ming	<i>Polyscias spp.</i>	2,4
Arborvitae	<i>Thuja spp.</i>	2,4

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Arrowhead plant	<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	3
Arum	<i>Arum spp.</i>	3,4
Ash	<i>Fraxinus spp.</i>	4
Asparagus, Garden	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	4
Asparagus, Sprenger	<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>	4
Aster	<i>Aster spp.</i>	4
Aucuba, Japanese	<i>Aucuba japonica</i>	2
Autumn crocus	<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	1,4
Azalea	<i>Rhododendron spp.</i>	1
Baby's breath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	4
Balsam fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	4
Barberry	<i>Berberis spp.</i>	2,4
Begonia	<i>Begonia spp. (some spp.)</i>	2,3
Belladonna	<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	1
Belladonna lily	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	2,4
Bermudagrass	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	4
Birch tree	<i>Betula spp.</i>	2,4
Bird-of-paradise shrub	<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	2
Bishop's weed	<i>Ammi majus</i>	4
Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	2
Black calla	<i>Arum spp.</i>	3,4
Black cherry (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Black henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	1
Black locust (seeds)	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	1
Black nightshade	<i>Solanum spp.</i>	1
Blanket flower	<i>Gaillardia spp.</i>	4
Bleeding heart	<i>Dicentra spp.</i>	4
Blood lily	<i>Haemanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Blue gum	<i>Eucalyptus spp.</i>	2,4
Boston ivy	<i>Parthenocissus spp.</i>	3,4
Bottle tree	<i>Brachychiton populneus</i>	4
Bougainvillea (thorns)	<i>Bougainvillea spp.</i>	4
Boxwood	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	2,4
Brazilian pepper tree	<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	2,4
Broom	<i>Cytisus spp.</i>	2
Buckeye	<i>Aesculus spp.</i>	2
Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus spp.</i>	2,4
Burning bush	<i>Euonymus spp.</i>	2
Bushman's poison	<i>Acokanthera spp.</i>	1
Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus spp.</i>	2,4
Butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias spp.</i>	2,4
Cactus (thorns and sap)	<i>Cactus spp.</i>	4
Cajeput tree	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	4

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Caladium	<i>Caladium bicolor</i>	3,4
California bay	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	4
California buckeye	<i>Aesculus spp.</i>	2
California laurel	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	4
California pepper tree	<i>Schinus molle</i>	4
Calla, Black	<i>Arum spp.</i>	3,4
Calla lily	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	3,4
Camphor tree	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	2
Candytuft, Evergreen	<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	4
Cape plumbago	<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	4
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia spp.</i>	1,4
Carnation	<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	2,4
Carolina jessamine	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	1,4
Carolina laurel cherry	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	1
Castor bean	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	1
Century plant	<i>Agave spp.</i>	2,3,4
Cestrum	<i>Cestrum spp.</i>	1
Chamomile	<i>Chamaemelum nobile</i>	4
Checkered lily	<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i>	1
Chenille plant	<i>Acalypha spp.</i>	2,4
Cherry (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Chinaberry	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	1
Chinese evergreen	<i>Aglaonema spp.</i>	3,4
Chinese lantern	<i>Physalis spp.</i>	1
Chinese tallow tree	<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	4
Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	1
Christmas rose	<i>Helleborus spp.</i>	1,4
Chrysanthemum	<i>Chrysanthemum spp.</i>	2,4
Cineraria	<i>Senecio hybridus</i>	2,4
Clematis	<i>Clematis spp.</i>	2,4
Climbing lily	<i>Gloriosa spp.</i>	1
Clivia	<i>Clivia spp.</i>	2,4
Coast redwood	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	2,4
Coffee plant	<i>Coffea arabica</i>	2
Coffeeberry	<i>Rhamnus spp.</i>	2,4
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia spp.</i>	2
Copperleaf	<i>Acalypha spp.</i>	2,4
Coral plant	<i>Jatropha spp.</i>	2,4
Coral tree	<i>Erythrina spp.</i>	1
Coralberry	<i>Symphoricarpos spp.</i>	2
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster spp.</i>	2
Crabapple (seeds)	<i>Malus spp.</i>	1
Creeping Charlie	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	2

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Crinum lily	<i>Crinum spp.</i>	2,4
Crocus, Autumn	<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	1,4
Croton	<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i>	2,4
Crown of thorns	<i>Euphorbia spp.</i>	2,4
Cyclamen	<i>Cyclamen spp.</i>	2,4
Daffodil (bulb)	<i>Narcissus spp.</i>	2,4
Daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum spp.</i>	2,4
Daphne	<i>Daphne spp.</i>	1
Deadly nightshade	<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	1
Deadly nightshade	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	1
Deadly nightshade	<i>Solanum spp.</i>	1
Death camas	<i>Zigadenus spp.</i>	1
Delphinium	<i>Delphinium spp.</i>	1
Desert bluebells	<i>Phacelia spp.</i>	4
Dichondra	<i>Dichondra micrantha</i>	4
Dieffenbachia	<i>Dieffenbachia spp.</i>	3
Dogwood	<i>Cornus spp.</i>	4
Dumb cane	<i>Dieffenbachia spp.</i>	3
Dusty miller	<i>Senecio spp. (some spp.)</i>	2,4
Dutch iris	<i>Iris spp.</i>	2,4
Echium	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	1,4
Elderberry (ripe fruit is nontoxic)	<i>Sambucus spp.</i>	1
Elephant's ear	<i>Alocasia spp.</i>	3,4
Elephant's ear	<i>Colocasia spp.</i>	3,4
Elephant's ear	<i>Xanthosoma spp.</i>	3,4
Elm tree	<i>Ulmus spp.</i>	4
English daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	4
English ivy	<i>Hedera spp.</i>	2,4
English laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	1
English yew (seeds)	<i>Taxus baccata</i>	1
Eucalyptus	<i>Eucalyptus spp.</i>	2,4
Euonymus	<i>Euonymus spp.</i>	2
Euphorbia	<i>Euphorbia spp.</i>	2,4
European mistletoe	<i>Viscum album</i>	1
Evergreen candytuft	<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	4
False heather	<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i>	4
False Queen Anne's lace	<i>Ammi majus</i>	4
Fescue (grass)	<i>Festuca spp.</i>	4
Fig	<i>Ficus carica and Ficus spp.</i>	4
Fig, Weeping	<i>Ficus spp.</i>	4
Fig, Fiddle-leaf	<i>Ficus lyrata</i>	4
Fiddle-leaf fig	<i>Ficus lyrata</i>	4
Fir, Balsam	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	4

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Firetail	<i>Acalypha</i> spp.	2,4
Firethorn	<i>Pyracantha</i> spp.	2,4
Fishtail palm	<i>Caryota</i> spp.	3,4
Flax	<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	4
Fleabane	<i>Erigeron</i> spp.	4
Flowering tobacco	<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	1
Four-o'clock	<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	2,4
Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	1
Frangipani	<i>Plumeria rubra</i>	4
Garden asparagus	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	4
Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	4
Gladiolus	<i>Gladiolus</i> spp.	2,4
Glory lily	<i>Gloriosa</i> spp.	1
Goldenchain tree	<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	2
Gopher plant	<i>Euphorbia</i> spp.	2,4
Grape ivy	<i>Cissus rhombifolia</i>	4
Grevillea	<i>Grevillea</i> spp.	4
Groundcherry	<i>Physalis</i> spp.	1
Ground ivy	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	2
Guernsey lily	<i>Nerine</i> spp.	2,4
Gum, Blue	<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	2,4
Heart leaf	<i>Philodendron</i> spp.	3,4
Heather	<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	1
Heliotrope	<i>Heliotropum arborescens</i>	1
Hellebore	<i>Helleborus</i> spp.	1,4
Hemlock, Poison	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	1
Hemlock, Water	<i>Cicuta</i> spp.	1
Henbane, Black	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	1
Holly (berries)	<i>Ilex</i> spp.	2
Hollyhock	<i>Alcea rosea</i>	4
Honey bush	<i>Melianthus</i> spp.	1
Horsechestnut	<i>Aesculus</i> spp.	2
Hyacinth	<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	2,4
Hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea</i> spp.	1,4
Iceland poppy	<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	3,4
Indian currant	<i>Symphoricarpos</i> spp.	2
Indian turnip	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	3,4
Iris	<i>Iris</i> spp.	2,4
Italian arum	<i>Arum</i> spp.	3,4
Ivy	<i>Hedera</i> spp.	2,4
Ivy, Boston	<i>Parthenocissus</i> spp.	3,4
Ivy, English	<i>Hedera</i> spp.	2,4
Ivy, Grape	<i>Cissus rhombifolia</i>	4

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Ivy, Ground	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	2
Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	3,4
Jade plant	<i>Crassula argentea</i>	2,4
Japanese aucuba	<i>Aucuba japonica</i>	2
Japanese pieris	<i>Pieris japonica</i>	1
Japanese yew (seeds)	<i>Taxus spp.</i>	1
Jatropha	<i>Jatropha spp.</i>	2,4
Jequirity bean	<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	1
Jerusalem cherry	<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i>	1
Jessamine	<i>Cestrum spp.</i>	1
Jessamine, Carolina	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	1,4
Jimson weed	<i>Brugmansia spp.</i>	1
Jonquil (bulb)	<i>Narcissus spp.</i>	2,4
Juniper	<i>Juniperus spp.</i>	2
Kaffir lily	<i>Clivia spp.</i>	2,4
Laburnum	<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	2
Lady slipper orchid	<i>Cypripedium spp.</i>	4
Lantana	<i>Lantana camara</i>	1
Larkspur	<i>Delphinium spp.</i>	1
Laurel, California	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	4
Laurel cherry	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	1
Laurel, English	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	1
Laurel, Mountain	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	2
Laurel, New Zealand	<i>Corynocarpus laevigata</i>	2
Lenten rose	<i>Helleborus spp.</i>	1,4
Ligustrum	<i>Ligustrum spp.</i>	2,4
Lily	<i>Lilium spp. (some spp.)</i>	2,4
Lily, African	<i>Agapanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Lily, Belladonna	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	2,4
Lily, Blood	<i>Haemanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Lily, Calla	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	3,4
Lily, Checkered	<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i>	1
Lily, Climbing	<i>Gloriosa spp.</i>	1
Lily, Crinum	<i>Crinum spp.</i>	2,4
Lily, Glory	<i>Gloriosa spp.</i>	1
Lily, Guernsey	<i>Nerine spp.</i>	2,4
Lily, Kaffir	<i>Clivia spp.</i>	2,4
Lily, Peruvian	<i>Alstroemeria spp.</i>	2,4
Lily, Spider	<i>Lycoris spp.</i>	2
Lily, Spider	<i>Hymenocallis spp.</i>	2,4
Lily-of-the-Nile	<i>Agapanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Lily-of-the-valley	<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	1,4
Lobelia	<i>Lobelia spp.</i>	1,4

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Locust, Black (seeds)	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	1
Loquat (seeds)	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	1
Love-in-a-mist	<i>Nigella damascena</i>	2
Love-lies-bleeding	<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>	1
Lupine	<i>Lupinus spp.</i>	1
Maidenhair tree	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	4
Maple	<i>Acer spp.</i>	4
Marguerite daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum spp.</i>	2,4
Marigold	<i>Tagetes spp.</i>	4
Marsh marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	2
May apple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	1
Meadow saffron	<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	1,4
Milkweed	<i>Asclepias spp.</i>	2,4
Ming aralia	<i>Polyscias spp.</i>	2,4
Mistletoe	<i>Phoradendron spp.</i>	2,4
Mistletoe, European	<i>Viscum album</i>	1
Monkshood	<i>Aconitum spp.</i>	1
Morning glory (seeds)	<i>Ipomoea spp.</i>	1
Moses-in-the-cradle	<i>Rhoeo spathacea</i>	4
Mountain laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	2
Myoporum	<i>Myoporum laetum</i>	1
Myrtle	<i>Myrtus communis</i>	2
Myrtle	<i>Vinca spp.</i>	1
Naked lady	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	2,4
Narcissus (bulb)	<i>Narcissus spp.</i>	2,4
Natal plum	<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i>	2
Nectarine (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Nephthytis	<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	3
Nerine	<i>Nerine spp.</i>	2,4
Nettles, Stinging	<i>Urtica spp.</i>	4
New Zealand laurel	<i>Corynocarpus laevigata</i>	2
Night-blooming jessamine	<i>Cestrum spp.</i>	1
Nightshade, Deadly	<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	1
Nightshade, Deadly	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	1
Nightshade, Black or Deadly	<i>Solanum spp.</i>	1
Oak tree (acorns)	<i>Quercus spp.</i>	2,4
Oleander	<i>Nerium oleander</i>	1,4
Oleander, Yellow	<i>Thevetia peruviana</i>	1,4
Onion, Wild	<i>Allium spp.</i>	2
Ornithogalum	<i>Ornithogalum spp.</i>	1
Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	1
Pansy (seeds)	<i>Viola spp.</i>	2
Pasque flower	<i>Anemone spp.</i>	2,4

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Peach (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Pear (seeds)	<i>Pyrus spp.</i>	1
Pencil tree	<i>Euphorbia spp.</i>	2,4
Pepper tree, Brazilian	<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	2,4
Pepper tree, California	<i>Schinus molle</i>	4
Periwinkle	<i>Vinca spp.</i>	1
Peruvian lily	<i>Alstroemeria spp.</i>	2,4
Peruvian scilla	<i>Scilla spp.</i>	1
Philodendron	<i>Philodendron spp.</i>	3,4
Philodendron, Split-leaf	<i>Monstera deliciosa</i>	3,4
Pieris, Japanese	<i>Pieris japonica</i>	1
Pineapple	<i>Ananas comosus</i>	4
Pink	<i>Dianthus spp.</i>	2,4
Pittosporum	<i>Pittosporum spp.</i>	1
Plum (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Plumbago, Cape	<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	4
Plumeria	<i>Plumeria rubra</i>	4
Poinciana	<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	2
Poinsettia	<i>Euphorbia spp.</i>	2,4
Poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	1
Poison oak	<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>	4
Pokeweed	<i>Phytolacca americana</i>	2
Poppy	<i>Papaver spp.</i>	2,4
Poppy, Iceland	<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	3,4
Potato plant (green parts)	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	1
Pothos	<i>Epipremnum aureum</i>	3,4
Pregnant onion	<i>Ornithogalum spp.</i>	1
Primrose	<i>Primula spp.</i>	4
Primula	<i>Primula spp.</i>	4
Privet	<i>Ligustrum spp.</i>	2,4
Pyracantha	<i>Pyracantha spp.</i>	2,4
Queen Anne's lace	<i>Daucus carota</i>	4
Queen Anne's lace, False	<i>Ammi majus</i>	4
Ranunculus	<i>Ranunculus spp.</i>	2,4
Redwood, Coast	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	2,4
Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron spp.</i>	1
Rhubarb (leaves)	<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i>	3
Rosary bean	<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	1
Rosary pea	<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	1
Rubber plant	<i>Ficus elastica</i>	4
Rue	<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	4
Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia spp.</i>	4
Sago palm	<i>Cycas revoluta</i>	2

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Scarlet pimpernel	<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	2,4
Schefflera	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	2,4
Scotch broom	<i>Cytisus spp.</i>	2
Shasta daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i>	2,4
Silk oak	<i>Grevillea spp.</i>	4
Skunk cabbage	<i>Veratrum spp.</i>	2
Smoke bush	<i>Cotinus coggygia</i>	4
Snake plant	<i>Sansevieria spp.</i>	2,4
Snakeshead	<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i>	1
Snow-on-the-mountain	<i>Euphorbia spp.</i>	2,4
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos spp.</i>	2
Snowdrop	<i>Galanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Snowflake	<i>Leucojum spp.</i>	2,4
Spathiphyllum	<i>Spathiphyllum spp.</i>	3,4
Spider lily	<i>Lycoris spp.</i>	2
Spider lily	<i>Hymenocallis spp.</i>	2,4
Split-leaf philodendron	<i>Monstera deliciosa</i>	3,4
Sprenger asparagus	<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>	4
Squill	<i>Scilla spp.</i>	1
St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	1,4
Star-of-Bethlehem	<i>Ornithogalum spp.</i>	1
Stinging nettles	<i>Urtica spp.</i>	4
String of beads	<i>Senecio spp. (some spp.)</i>	2,4
Sweet pea (seeds)	<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>	2
Sweet William	<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	2,4
Tansy	<i>Tanacetum spp.</i>	4
Taro	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	3,4
Tassel flower	<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>	1
Tomato (non-fruit parts)	<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	1,4
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	1
Tree-of-heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	2,4
Tree tobacco	<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	1
Trumpet creeper	<i>Campsis radicans</i>	4
Trumpet vine	<i>Campsis radicans</i>	4
Tuberose	<i>Polianthes tuberosa</i>	2
Tulip (bulb)	<i>Tulipa spp.</i>	2,4
Umbrella plant	<i>Cyperus alternifolius</i>	2
Umbrella tree	<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	2,4
Vinca	<i>Vinca spp.</i>	1
Violet (seeds)	<i>Viola spp.</i>	2
Virginia creeper	<i>Parthenocissus spp.</i>	3,4
Walnut	<i>Juglans spp.</i>	4
Wandering jew	<i>Tradescantia spp.</i>	4

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Water hemlock	<i>Cicuta spp.</i>	1
Weeping fig	<i>Ficus spp.</i>	4
Wild onion	<i>Allium spp.</i>	2
Windflower	<i>Anemone spp.</i>	2,4
Wintersweet	<i>Acokanthera spp.</i>	1
Wisteria	<i>Wisteria spp.</i>	2
Wormwood	<i>Artemisia spp.</i>	4
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	2,4
Yew, English (seeds)	<i>Taxus baccata</i>	1
Yew, Japanese (seeds)	<i>Taxus spp.</i>	1
Yew pine	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>	2



Toxic Plants (by scientific name)

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Toxicity Class (third column in table below)

1. **Major Toxicity:** These plants may cause serious illness or death. If ingested, immediately call the Poison Control Center — (800) 222-1222 — or your doctor.
2. **Minor Toxicity:** Ingestion of these plants may cause minor illnesses such as vomiting or diarrhea. If ingested, call the Poison Control Center or your doctor.
3. **Oxalates:** The juice or sap of these plants contains oxalate crystals. These needle-shaped crystals can irritate the skin, mouth, tongue, and throat, resulting in throat swelling, breathing difficulties, burning pain, and stomach upset. Call the Poison Control Center or your doctor if any of these symptoms appear following ingestion of plants.
4. **Dermatitis:** The juice, sap, or thorns of these plants may cause a skin rash or irritation. Wash the affected area of skin with soap and water as soon as possible after contact. The rashes may be very serious and painful. Call the Poison Control Center or your doctor if symptoms appear following contact with the plants.

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<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam fir	4
<i>Abrus precatorius</i>	Rosary bean; Rosary pea; Jequirity bean	1
<i>Acalypha</i> spp.	Chenille plant; Copperleaf; Firetail	2,4
<i>Acer</i> spp.	Maple	4
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Achillea; Yarrow	2,4
<i>Acokanthera</i> spp.	Bushman’s poison; Wintersweet	1
<i>Aconitum</i> spp.	Aconite; Monkshood	1
<i>Aesculus</i> spp.	Buckeye; California buckeye; Horse chestnut	2
<i>Agapanthus</i> spp.	African lily; Agapanthus; Lily-of-the-Nile	2,4
<i>Agave</i> spp.	Agave; Century plant	2,3,4
<i>Aglaonema</i> spp.	Aglaonema; Chinese evergreen	3,4
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Ailanthus; Tree-of-heaven	2,4
<i>Alcea rosea</i>	Hollyhock	4
<i>Allium</i> spp.	Allium; Wild onion	2
<i>Alnus</i> spp.	Alder	4
<i>Alocasia</i> spp.	Alocasia; Elephant’s ear	3,4
<i>Alstroemeria</i> spp.	Alstroemeria; Peruvian lily	2,4
<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i>	Love-lies-bleeding; Tassel flower	1
<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	Amaryllis; Belladonna lily; Naked lady	2,4
<i>Ammi majus</i>	Bishop’s weed; False Queen Anne’s lace	4
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet pimpernel	2,4
<i>Ananas comosus</i>	Pineapple	4

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<i>Anemone</i> spp.	Anemone; Pasque flower; Windflower	2,4
<i>Anthurium</i> spp.	Anthurium	3,4
<i>Aquilegia</i> spp.	Columbine	2
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Indian turnip; Jack-in-the-pulpit	3,4
<i>Artemisia</i> spp.	Sagebrush; Wormwood	4
<i>Arum</i> spp.	Arum; Black calla; Italian arum	3,4
<i>Asclepias</i> spp.	Butterfly weed; Milkweed	2,4
<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>	Sprenger asparagus	4
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	Garden asparagus	4
<i>Aster</i> spp.	Aster	4
<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	Belladonna; Deadly nightshade	1
<i>Aucuba japonica</i>	Japanese aucuba	2
<i>Begonia</i> spp. (some species)	Begonia	2,3
<i>Bellis perennis</i>	English daisy	4
<i>Berberis</i> spp.	Barberry	2,4
<i>Betula</i> spp.	Birch tree	2,4
<i>Bougainvillea</i> spp.	Bougainvillea (thorns)	4
<i>Brachychiton populneus</i>	Bottle tree	4
<i>Brugmansia</i> spp.	Angel's trumpet; Jimson weed	1
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Boxwood	2,4
<i>Cactus</i> spp.	Cactus (thorns and sap)	4
<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	Bird-of-paradise shrub; Poinciana	2
<i>Caladium bicolor</i>	Caladium	3,4
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	Heather	1
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh marigold	2
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet creeper; Trumpet vine	4
<i>Carissa macrocarpa</i>	Natal plum	2
<i>Caryota</i> spp.	Fishtail palm	3,4
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	Bittersweet	2
<i>Cestrum</i> spp.	Cestrum; Jessamine; Night-blooming jessamine	1
<i>Chamaemelum nobile</i>	Chamomile	4
<i>Chrysanthemum maximum</i>	Shasta daisy	2,4
<i>Chrysanthemum</i> spp.	Chrysanthemum; Daisy; Marguerite daisy	2,4
<i>Cicuta</i> spp.	Water hemlock	1
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	Camphor tree	2
<i>Cissus rhombifolia</i>	Grape ivy	4
<i>Clematis</i> spp.	Clematis	2,4
<i>Clivia</i> spp.	Clivia, Kaffir lily	2,4
<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i>	Croton	2,4
<i>Coffea arabica</i>	Coffee plant	2
<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	Autumn crocus; Meadow saffron	1,4
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Taro	3,4
<i>Colocasia</i> spp.	Elephant's ear	3,4

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<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Poison hemlock	1
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily-of-the-valley	1,4
<i>Cornus</i> spp.	Dogwood	4
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas grass	1
<i>Corynocarpus laevigata</i>	New Zealand laurel	2
<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	Smoke bush	4
<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.	Cotoneaster	2
<i>Crassula argentea</i>	Jade plant	2,4
<i>Crinum</i> spp.	Crinum lily	2,4
<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i>	False heather	4
<i>Cycas revoluta</i>	Sago palm	2
<i>Cyclamen</i> spp.	Cyclamen	2,4
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermudagrass	4
<i>Cyperus alternifolius</i>	Umbrella plant	2
<i>Cypripedium</i> spp.	Lady slipper orchid	4
<i>Cytisus</i> spp.	Broom, Scotch broom	2
<i>Daphne</i> spp.	Daphne	1
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's lace	4
<i>Delphinium</i> spp.	Delphinium; Larkspur	1
<i>Dianthus barbatus</i>	Sweet William	2,4
<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	Carnation	2,4
<i>Dianthus</i> spp.	Pink	2,4
<i>Dicentra</i> spp.	Bleeding heart	4
<i>Dichondra micrantha</i>	Dichondra	4
<i>Dieffenbachia</i> spp.	Dieffenbachia; Dumb cane	3
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	1
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Echium	1,4
<i>Epipremnum aureum</i>	Pothos	3,4
<i>Erigeron</i> spp.	Fleabane	4
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Loquat (seeds)	1
<i>Erythrina</i> spp.	Coral tree	1
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	Blue gum; Eucalyptus	2,4
<i>Euonymus</i> spp.	Burning bush; Euonymus	2
<i>Euphorbia</i> spp.	Crown of thorns; Euphorbia; Gopher plant; Pencil tree; Poinsettia; Snow-on-the-mountain	2,4
<i>Festuca</i> spp.	Fescue (grass)	4
<i>Ficus carica</i> and <i>Ficus</i> spp.	Fig	4
<i>Ficus elastica</i>	Rubber plant	4
<i>Ficus lyrata</i>	Fiddle-leaf fig	4
<i>Ficus benjamina</i>	Weeping fig	4
<i>Fraxinus</i> spp.	Ash	4
<i>Fritillaria meleagris</i>	Checkered lily; Snakeshead	1
<i>Gaillardia</i> spp.	Blanket flower	4

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<i>Galanthus</i> spp.	Snowdrop	2,4
<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	Carolina jessamine	1,4
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo; Maidenhair tree	4
<i>Gladiolus</i> spp.	Gladiolus	2,4
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Creeping Charlie; Ground ivy	2
<i>Gloriosa</i> spp.	Climbing lily; Glory lily	1
<i>Grevillea</i> spp.	Grevillea; Silk oak	4
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	Baby's breath	4
<i>Haemanthus</i> spp.	Blood lily	2,4
<i>Hedera</i> spp.	English ivy; Ivy	2,4
<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i>	Heliotrope	1
<i>Helleborus</i> spp.	Christmas rose; Hellebore; Lenten rose	1,4
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	1
<i>Hippeastrum</i> spp.	Amaryllis	2
<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	Hyacinth	2,4
<i>Hydrangea</i> spp.	Hydrangea	1,4
<i>Hymenocallis</i> spp.	Spider lily	2,4
<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	Deadly nightshade; Black henbane	1
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	St. Johnswort	1,4
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	Evergreen candytuft	4
<i>Ilex</i> spp.	Holly (berries)	2
<i>Ipomoea</i> spp.	Morning glory (seeds)	1
<i>Iris</i> spp.	Dutch iris; Iris	2,4
<i>Jatropha</i> spp.	Coral plant; Jatropha	2,4
<i>Juglans</i> spp.	Walnut	4
<i>Juniperus</i> spp.	Juniper	2
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain laurel	2
<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Goldenchain tree; Laburnum	2
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana	1
<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>	Sweet pea (seeds)	2
<i>Leucojum</i> spp.	Snowflake	2,4
<i>Ligustrum</i> spp.	Ligustrum; Privet	2,4
<i>Lilium</i> spp. (some species)	Lily	2,4
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	Flax	4
<i>Lobelia</i> spp.	Cardinal flower; Lobelia	1,4
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	Lupine	1
<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	Tomato (non-fruit parts)	1,4
<i>Lycoris</i> spp.	Spider lily	2
<i>Malus</i> spp.	Apple (seeds); Crabapple (seeds)	1
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	Cajeput tree	4
<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Chinaberry	1
<i>Melianthus</i> spp.	Honey bush	1
<i>Mirabilis jalapa</i>	Four-o'clock	2,4

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<i>Monstera deliciosa</i>	Split-leaf philodendron	3,4
<i>Myoporum laetum</i>	Myoporum	1
<i>Myrsine africana</i>	African boxwood	2
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Myrtle	2
<i>Narcissus</i> spp.	Daffodil (bulb); Jonquil (bulb); Narcissus (bulb)	2,4
<i>Nerine</i> spp.	Guernsey lily; Nerine	2,4
<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	1,4
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Flowering tobacco; Tree tobacco	1
<i>Nigella damascena</i>	Love-in-a-mist	2
<i>Ornithogalum</i> spp.	Ornithogalum; Pregnant onion; Star-of-Bethlehem	1
<i>Papaver nudicaule</i>	Iceland poppy	3,4
<i>Papaver</i> spp.	Poppy	2,4
<i>Parthenocissus</i> spp.	Boston ivy; Virginia creeper	3,4
<i>Phacelia</i> spp.	Desert bluebells	4
<i>Philodendron</i> spp.	Heart leaf; Philodendron	3,4
<i>Phoradendron</i> spp.	Mistletoe	2,4
<i>Physalis</i> spp.	Chinese lantern; Groundcherry	1
<i>Phytolacca americana</i>	Pokeweed	2
<i>Pieris japonica</i>	Japanese pieris	1
<i>Pittosporum</i> spp.	Pittosporum	1
<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	Cape plumbago	4
<i>Plumeria rubra</i>	Frangipani; Plumeria	4
<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>	Yew pine	2
<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	May apple	1
<i>Polianthes tuberosa</i>	Tuberose	2
<i>Polyscias</i> spp.	Ming aralia	2,4
<i>Primula</i> spp.	Primrose; Primula	4
<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	Carolina laurel cherry; Laurel cherry	1
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	English laurel	1
<i>Prunus</i> spp.	seeds of these plants: Almond; Apricot; Black cherry; Cherry; Nectarine; Peach; Nectarine	1
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry	1
<i>Pyracantha</i> spp.	Firethorn; Pyracantha	2,4
<i>Pyrus</i> spp.	Pear (seeds)	1
<i>Quercus</i> spp.	Oak tree (acorns)	2,4
<i>Ranunculus</i> spp.	Buttercup; Ranunculus	2,4
<i>Rhamnus</i> spp.	Buckthorn; Coffeeberry	2,4
<i>Rheum rhabarbarum</i>	Rhubarb (leaves)	3
<i>Rhododendron</i> spp.	Azalea; Rhododendron	1
<i>Rhoeo spathacea</i>	Moses-in-the-cradle	4
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor bean	1
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black locust (seeds)	1

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<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	Rue	4
<i>Sambucus</i> spp.	Elderberry (ripe fruit is nontoxic)	1
<i>Sansevieria</i> spp.	Snake plant	2,4
<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	Chinese tallow tree	4
<i>Schefflera actinophylla</i>	Schefflera; Umbrella tree	2,4
<i>Schinus molle</i>	California pepper tree	4
<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	Brazilian pepper tree	2,4
<i>Scilla</i> spp.	Peruvian scilla; Squill	1
<i>Senecio hybridus</i>	Cineraria	2,4
<i>Senecio</i> spp. (some species)	Dusty miller; String of beads	2,4
<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	Coast redwood	2,4
<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i>	Jerusalem cherry	1
<i>Solanum</i> spp.	Black nightshade; Deadly nightshade	1
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	Potato plant (green parts)	1
<i>Spathiphyllum</i> spp.	Spathiphyllum	3,4
<i>Symphoricarpos</i> spp.	Coralberry; Indian currant; Snowberry	2
<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	Arrowhead plant; Nephthytis	3
<i>Tagetes</i> spp.	Marigold	4
<i>Tanacetum</i> spp.	Tansy	4
<i>Taxus baccata</i>	English yew (seeds)	1
<i>Taxus</i> spp.	Japanese yew (seeds)	1
<i>Thevetia peruviana</i>	Oleander, Yellow	1,4
<i>Thuja</i> spp.	Arborvitae	2,4
<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>	Poison oak	4
<i>Tradescantia</i> spp.	Wandering jew	4
<i>Tulipa</i> spp.	Tulip (bulb)	2,4
<i>Ulmus</i> spp.	Elm tree	4
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California bay; California laurel	4
<i>Urtica</i> spp.	Stinging nettles	4
<i>Veratrum</i> spp.	Skunk cabbage	2
<i>Vinca</i> spp.	Myrtle; Periwinkle; Vinca	1
<i>Viola</i> spp.	Pansy (seeds); Violet (seeds)	2
<i>Viscum album</i>	European mistletoe	1
<i>Wisteria</i> spp.	Wisteria	2
<i>Xanthosoma</i> spp.	Elephant's ear	3,4
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	Calla lily	3,4
<i>Zigadenus</i> spp.	Death camas	1

